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STOCK EXCHANGE PROPOSALS.

Mr. H. BIRKETT: I would like to propose an amendment to Resolutions 6 and 7 on behalf of the Stock Exchange. In Resolution 6, that "fifteen cents" be substituted for "twenty cents," and that the following be added to Resolution 7: "and that holders of shares be compelled to transfer same into their own names before receiving any dividends thereon."

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK: Just to put the matter in form, I beg to second Mr. Birkett's amendment. I should say, with regard to Clause 29, that I entirely agree that that clause, even if it were amended in the most drastic manner, would be wholly unworkable. (Applause.) It is certainly not desirable that, if any legislation is to be passed with a view to promoting registration of transfers of shares, that such legislation should be forced through under the absurd penalties in Schedule No. 41 of this Bill. That is all I have to say, except just to make one remark: I may, by way of correction of what fell from you as to the date to which the Government adjourned the second reading. The second reading was taken at an early date because the Hon. Mr. Stephen and the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook are leaving the Colony for a time on the 25th inst. We agreed to that comparatively short adjournment because it was understood—in fact, a pledge was given by the Government—that if the unofficial members should desire certain provisions of the Bill to stand over to a later date, that desire of the unofficial members would be acceded to by the Government. (Applause.)

Mr. W. B. KENNETT: Is it in order to refer to any clause not mentioned in these proposals?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

QUESTION OF PROXIES.

Mr. KENNETT: Then I would like to call attention to Clause 23.

Every letter or power of attorney for the sole purpose of appointing a proxy to vote at a meeting shall specify the day upon which the meeting at which it is intended to be used is to be held, and shall be available only at the meeting so specified and any adjournment thereof.

It seems to me that the effect of that may be to prevent a general proxy being given. Now, as you know, many companies hold meetings at seven or eight days' notice, and the effect of this clause would be that no shareholder out of the colony could be represented at such a meeting because no proxy can be acted upon which does not specify a date. At present there is a very general practice for a shareholder to leave a general proxy with someone. Therefore, there must be long notice of the holding of a meeting for a shareholder who is abroad to be represented. This clause means that no one can be represented at all at such a meeting unless he happens to be in the Colony at the moment.

The CHAIRMAN: Later on I shall ask you to put that in the form of a resolution.

ORIGINAL LIABILITY. There is one other point. Does this meeting intend to pass without comment the extraordinary change in the law which makes it a criminal offence to omit to stamp a document, whether without any intent to evade the law or anything of the sort? If you will refer to the Objects and Reasons given by the Attorney-General, it puts this very clearly.

It is intended that criminal liability shall attach to the corporate body itself in the former case, and to the person appearing to have the management in the latter case, upon mere failure to stamp. In other words, the corporate body in the one case and the manager in the other case, will be liable for the mere omission, apart from any question of intention to evade, or of guilty knowledge.

That seems to be a very startling innovation.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK: I quite agree with Mr. Kennett's remarks. The Clause, as it stands, is in a very objectionable form.

Mr. EDKINS: I do not hesitate to support what has been said. It is inconceivable that the measure should be brought in this way. It is going to make business more and more difficult. The Bill is conceived, I submit, in the wrong spirit. (Applause.)

THE CHAIRMAN: I think Mr. Kennett for drawing your attention in such a forcible manner to this particular clause. We shall press for modification of Clause 41 of this Bill, together with Clause 10 of the "Objects and Reasons," if you think that will be sufficient.

THE RESOLUTIONS CARRIED.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed, on one side, the resolutions as set forth above.

Mr. J. A. FLEMING seconded the first, Mr. F. C. HALL the second, Mr. BOWEN-SMITH the third, and Mr. EDKINS the fourth and fifth.

The amendments to the sixth and seventh resolutions were accepted, Mr. BIRKETT seconding both. As amended these resolutions read:—

6.—That this meeting is of the opinion that the Stamp Duty on share transfers be limited to 15 cents per \$100.

7.—That, as regards Clause 29 of the proposed Ordinance, this meeting is of the opinion that clause should be withdrawn as being unworkable, but that, if it is desired to tax share transactions, the duty on share contract notes be still further increased, and that holders of shares be compelled to transfer same into their own names before receiving any dividends thereon.

The resolutions were carried with applause, none voting against.

Mr. W. B. KENNETT moved a further resolution regarding Clause 23, as follows:—

8.—That this meeting is of opinion that Clause 23 should be amended so as to make it clear that a shareholder may give a general proxy for use at all meetings of a company, provided that such proxy be duly stamped at an amount to be fixed by the Ordinance.

Mr. EDKINS seconded, and the resolution was carried.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

MR. A. O. LANG NOMINATED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Prior to the meeting reported, elsewhere in our columns, the Chamber of Commerce met to nominate a representative to the Legislative Council during the absence of Mr. P. H. Holyoak from the Colony.

Mr. A. O. LANG (Vice-Chairman) presided. He said:—Gentlemen.—This meeting has been called at the request of the Hongkong Government to nominate a member of this Chamber to serve on the Legislative Council during the absence from the Colony of the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak. As you are aware, Mr. Holyoak left the Colony yesterday, and the chair at this meeting, therefore, devolves upon me as Vice-Chairman of the Chamber. The requisite notice has been advertised in the papers calling for nominations, and the only name put forward is my own, proposed by Mr. G. T. Edkins, seconded by the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, and supported by the Hon. Mr. Holyoak and members of this Committee.

As you are aware, the proposed Stamp Ordinance comes up for second reading on Monday, the 25th, and in order that this Chamber and the commercial community of Hongkong should be represented at the next meeting of the Legislative Council, and the views of members of the Chamber, regarding which a meeting will be held immediately after this meeting is over, should be laid before the Government, it is necessary that the Chamber now nominates its representative for the Council. I will now call upon the proposer and seconder to support the nomination.

Mr. G. T. EDKINS: I have much pleasure in proposing Mr. Lang as representative of this Chamber on the Legislative Council. Mr. Lang is well-known to the community as senior in a firm long associated with the business of the Colony. He is on many of the boards of companies in the Colony, Vice-Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, and has had long experience in matters dealt with by the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. I have no hesitation, therefore, in commending him to you, and I believe you will accept him as entirely fitted for this nomination. (Applause.) I have much pleasure in proposing Mr. Lang as our representative of the Legislative Council.

Hon. Mr. A. G. STEPHEN: I have much pleasure in seconding the nomination of Mr. Lang.

At the request of the CHAIRMAN, the SECRETARY read the rules relating to voting.

The motion was carried with applause.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen.—I thank you exceedingly for the great honour you have done me, and although I cannot hope to emulate Mr. Holyoak in his wonderful powers of oratory, you may rest assured that I shall do my very best to protect this Chamber's interests, as well as the interests of the commercial community of this Colony during the short time which I expect to serve on the Council. (Applause.) No one deprecates Mr. Holyoak's enforced absence from the Colony at this particular time more than I do, and I am sure we all hope that his change to Japan will result in complete restoration to health. I thank you.

The special meeting, with regard to the proposed Stamp Ordinance, followed.

Mr. KENNETT proposed further:—

9.—That this meeting expresses its disagreement with the new principle involved in Clause 41 as explained in the Attorney-General's Reasons, Clause 10.

This was seconded by Mr. ORMISTON and carried.

INQUISITORIAL POWERS.

Mr. G. M. DODWELL proposed:—

10.—That Clause 43, in its present form, is unnecessarily inquisitorial and should be re-drafted in a modified form.

Mr. EDKINS seconded.

The CHAIRMAN read Clause 43, which says that, in cases in which evasion is suspected, the Collector "may enter any such premises for the purpose of inspection, and may search any such person and may inspect and take copies of any such books of account or other documents."

Mr. A. R. LOWE: Mr. Chairman, might I say that no honest person need be frightened of that clause? (Laughter.)

Mr. EDKINS: I suggest that another form might be found, that, where possible, the use of chartered accountants might be permitted. (Renewed laughter.)

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK: If the Government only dropped the objectionable clause in this Bill there would not be any necessity for such a clause at all.

The resolution was carried.

THE SHARE OF POSTERITY.

Mr. ORMISTON: Following your remarks, Mr. Chairman, I think it would be well if the Chamber passed the following resolution:—

11.—That this meeting strongly protests against permanent improvements to the Colony being paid for out of annual revenue, and maintains that a loan should be issued to cover all such permanent improvements.

Mr. W. L. PATTERSON seconded, and the resolution was carried.

The Hon. Mr. POLLOCK: The Hon. Mr. Ho Fook desires to point out that in dealing with Clause 41, Clause 43 also comes into the discussion. It is a clause which proposes to inflict a very severe penalty. I have no doubt it will be brought to the consideration of the Government in connection with Clause 41.

The CHAIRMAN: Is that not a matter you might deal with yourself in Council when the Bill comes up for second reading? That is all the business, gentlemen, thank you for your attendance.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' AND THE GOVERNMENT.

BUILDING LOANS—MOTOR BUS SERVICE—INCREASED RENTALS—KOWLOON HOSPITAL—AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARMS.

We have received for publication the following copies of correspondence which has passed between the Kowloon Residents' Association and the Government:—

March 3rd, 1921.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that my Committee have instructed me to convey to the Government their expression of regret that the Government does not feel able in present circumstances to increase the already large amount locked up in advance for building houses.

In this connection, I am further under instruction to observe that my Committee have yet to be convinced that the large number of applicants were men of straw who had no possible security to give, and that the Government could find only one applicant for a loan who had "made a definite proposition."

I am still further authorised to express the hope that the Government at an early date will find itself in the happy position to renew its generously devised scheme of advancing loans to enable the borrowers to build dwelling-houses, and that, in the Government's allocation of any possible available resources, applications from private individuals with tangible security to offer who have already though unsuccessfully approached the Government and those of the same category who may in future apply to the Government for financial accommodations for a similar desirable purpose will receive sympathetic consideration and satisfaction equally with any application from that group which has already been so beneficently gratified.—I have the honour to remain, sir, your obedient servant,

(Sd.) W. JACKSON,
(Hon. Secretary.)
The Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G.,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th March, 1921.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of March 3rd, I am directed to inform you that the Government, wherever possible, is making advances of money to help building schemes which have for their object the provision of suitable dwellings for Europeans and others of varying incomes.

2.—In this connection I may mention that, in addition to what has been done already, another scheme for providing a number of small flats near the ferry pier will be completed with Government assistance probably by the end of this year while the question of helping persons to build small houses at Kowloon Tong is under consideration.

I should be glad if you would bring to my notice any application which seems to you to have been refused without sufficient grounds.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

(Sd.) CLAUD SEVERN,
(Colonial Secretary.)
The Hon. Secretary,
Kowloon Residents' Association.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th March, 1921.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that my Committee have instructed me to ask the Government what progress has been made in connection with the proposed Motor Omnibus Service in Kowloon, and also when such service may be expected to be in operation.—I have the honour to remain, etc.,

(Sd.) W. JACKSON,
(Hon. Secretary.)
The Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G.,
Colonial Secretary.

January 21st, 1921.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that I have been instructed by my Committee to invite the Government's attention to the imposition of increased rentals of the houses known as David's Buildings, Nathan Road, Kowloon, and to request that the matter be investigated by the Government with a view to securing relief for the tenants, several of whom, being members of this Association, have appealed for its support.—I have the honour, etc.,

(Sd.) W. JACKSON,
(Hon. Secretary.)
The Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G.,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd February, 1921.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of January 21st, 1921, drawing attention to increased rentals of houses in David's Buildings, Nathan Road, I am directed to request you to furnish me a list of these houses, giving particulars of the rents payable before and after the increase in question.—I am, etc.,

(Sd.) CLAUD SEVERN,
(Colonial Secretary.)
The Hon. Secretary,
Kowloon Residents' Association.

26th February, 1921.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge your letter No. 1 in 2578/1919, of the 23rd of February, requesting me to furnish a list of the houses in David's Buildings, Nathan Road, Kowloon, and particulars of the rents payable before and after the proposed increase.

The houses are three in number and are composed of six flats each.

The particulars of the rents I have obtained are those of one house (six flats), being three outside flats and three inside flats; they are uniform with the other flats, and are as follows:—

No. of Tenants	Floor	Present Rent	Inc. Rent
68	Ground	\$60.00	\$60.00
68	First	80.10	100.00
68	Top	80.00	100.00

68 — Ground 55.00 75.00
68 — First 75.10 95.00
68 — Top 72.80 95.00

I enclose an original letter to one of the tenants from the landlords.—I have the honour, etc.,

(Sd.) W. JACKSON,
(Hon. Secretary.)
The Hon. The Colonial Secretary.

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SPORT.

INTERPORT CRICKET.

At Shanghai, Capt. E. I. M. Barrett, Dr. W. E. O'Hara and Messrs. A. W. Hayward and F. L. Wainwright have been appointed as the Selection Committee of the team to represent Shanghai in the Interport match against Hongkong.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE v. OLD BOYS.

The match, Staff and Pupils of Queen's College v. the Q.C.O.B.A., will take place tomorrow at 2 p.m. on the Indian Recreation Club ground at Sockumpoo Valley. Teams:—

Queen's College.—R. E. O. Bird (capt.), F. J. de Rönne, W. Kay, E. J. Balston, J. S. Curran, S. A. R. Ismail, E. Nishida, A. Butt, A. H. Madar and G. A. Hyler. Reserves.—M. Y. Adal and Talok Singh.

Q.C.O.B.A.—H. H. Taylor (capt.), A. el Arculli, N. M. Bux, G. A. V. Hall, H. C. Hunt, S. A. Ismail, S. H. Ismail, Wong Po Keung, D. Rumjahn, A. A. Rumjahn and A. H. Rumjahn. Reserves: F. E. A. Remedios and Douglas Laing.

ENGINEERS' AND SHIPBUILDERS.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LOCAL INSTITUTION.

The report of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong for the year ending 31st December, 1920, shows that the membership at that date was 412. During the year 19 members resigned and 119 new members were elected, while other 53 members who have been absent for some time have not been included in the above total.

During the year 1920, Mr. J. D. Birrell (member) read a paper on Electric Traction, illustrated with lantern slides for which he was awarded a gold medal presented by the late A. C. Gordon.

During the year 50 volumes have been added to the Fiction Library, at a cost of \$110.45, and 45 volumes have been presented by members. Eight volumes have been added to the Technical Library at a cost of \$42.88.

The thanks of the members are due to Mr. J. Millar for the gift of a half plate Thornton Picard Hand and Stand Camera with 3 Plate holders, 1 Rapid Rectilinear lens, view-finder and changing bag to be raffled, the proceeds to be devoted to the purchase of books for the Library.

The result of the year's working shows a profit of \$7,642.81 against a profit for the corresponding twelve months in 1919 of \$4,063.64, being an increase of \$3,579.15.

Entrance fees and subscriptions have increased \$1,860. Bar and billiard returns show increases of \$1,983.87 and \$1,206.00 respectively. Interest account shows an increase of \$742.45 which has chiefly accrued from additional sums transferred to fixed deposit.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th March, 1921.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 26th February, I am directed to inform you that I have inspected figures showing the cost of erecting David's Buildings, Nathan Road, Kowloon, including the cost of the land when bought, and also a statement of all expenditure incurred in connection therewith.

I find that the rents paid for some years past yielded about 6½ per cent. on the total cost of the buildings, while the increased rents give a net return of 8.4 per cent. The Government does not consider this return excessive, and is therefore not prepared to interfere in the matter.—I am, etc.,

(Sd.) CLAUD SEVERN,
(Colonial Secretary.)
W. Jackson, Esq.,
Hon. Secretary,
Kowloon Residents' Association.

March 1st, 1921.

SIR,—At a recent meeting of my Committee the proposed Kowloon Hospital came up for consideration.

As a result of a lengthy discussion, I was instructed to enquire of the Government when the work in connection with the preparation of the proposed site will be commenced, and also to enquire what steps are being taken by the Government to accelerate the construction work of the proposed hospital buildings.—I have the honour, etc.,

(Sd.) W. JACKSON,
(Hon. Secretary.)
The Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G.,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th March, 1921.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of March 1st, 1921, on the subject of the proposed Kowloon Hospital I am directed to refer you to the answer given to the question asked by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock at the meeting of the Legislative Council on March 3rd, 1921.—I am, etc.,

(Sd.) CLAUD SEVERN,
(Colonial Secretary.)
The Hon. Secretary,
Kowloon Residents' Association.

December 27th, 1921.

SIR,—I am instructed by my Committee to enquire from the Government if it is their intention to install automatic fire alarms connected with the Kowloon Fire Station.—I have, etc.,

(Sd.) W. JACKSON,
(Hon. Secretary.)
The Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.B.E.,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th January, 1921.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of the 27th December, I am directed to state that in the light of the experience gained of the automatic fire alarm in use in Victoria it is not intended to install similar apparatus in Kowloon.—I am, etc.,

(Sd.) CLAUD SEVERN,
(Colonial Secretary.)
The Hon. Secretary,
Kowloon Residents' Association.

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Hongkong, April 21st, 1921. [840]

G. R.

NOTICE.

IT IS NOTIFIED for information that a

CASE OF RABIES has occurred within

the Eastern District of the City of Victoria.

All dog owners are advised to exercise strict

supervision over their dogs, and to keep them

on leash in public places.

The Police have orders to enforce strictly the

provisions of Section 16 of the Summary

Offences Ordinance, 1907.

16.—(1) It shall be lawful for any police con-

stable to destroy any dog or other animal

reasonably suspected to be in a rabid

state, or which has been bitten by any

dog or animal reasonably suspected to be

in a rabid state.

(2) The owner of any such dog or animal who

permits the same to go at large, after

having information of reasonable ground

for believing it to be in a rabid state, or

to have been bitten by a dog or other animal

in a rabid state shall be liable to a fine not

exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars, or

to imprisonment for any term not exceed-

ing three months.

(3) It shall be lawful for any police constable

to destroy any dog which is found stray-

ing or wandering about during the day-time

without any owner and not wearing either

a collar with the name and residence of

the owner inscribed thereon or a current

Licence Badge; and any such constable is

hereby fully authorised to destroy any

dog which is found straying or wandering

about between the hours of 10 P.M. and

5 A.M.

T. H. KING,

Acting Captain Superintendent of Police,

Hongkong, April 16th 1921. [817]

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INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

WE have This Day been appointed AGENTS for the EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ASSURANCE CORPORATION, LIMITED. ARNOLD BROTHERS & CO., LTD. Hongkong, April 19th, 1921. [823]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE SECOND GYMKHANA is fixed for SATURDAY, MAY 7TH, 1921. Draft Programmes and Entry Forms may be obtained at Race Course, Hongkong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables. Entries close WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27TH, 1921. [825]

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

SUBJECT to weather conditions, the follow-

ing dates have been fixed:—

FINAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

DOUBLES, SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD.

FINAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

SINGLES, MONDAY, APRIL 25TH.

CHALLENGE ROUND CHAMPIONSHIP

DOUBLES, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27TH.

RESERVED SEATS may now be booked at

the Pavilion by Members, Subscribers and those

holding "privilege tickets," except between the

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The list will remain open at the Pavilion

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Messrs. MONTAGUE & Co., Seats, Price \$1 each.

Notes:—Ticket holders are requested to

consult the back of tickets as to the position of

their seats. [829]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

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GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

in the above Company will be held at the Com-

pany's Office on TUESDAY, April 26th, at

12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving

the Report of the Directors, and Statement of

Accounts to the 28th February, 1921.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from the 19th April to the

26th April, 1921, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

H. O. BOLT, Secretary. [829]

Hongkong, April 16th, 1921.

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CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

MINERS' STRIKE.

MINERS LOOK ASKANCE AT OWNERS' OFFER.

LONDON, April 21st.

Though the coal-owners and miners have not yet met again, they are conducting a protracted discussion in the Press.

While the miners declare that the owners' offer marks no advance on their previous offers, and does not meet the demand for a national pool or levy, which the miners, apparently, are in no way inclined to relinquish, the owners have published a statement, declaring that the levy on tonnage is essentially the same as the profits pool, involving Government control and discouraging enterprise.

EARLIER CABLES.

ATTITUDE OF SOUTH WALES.

LONDON, April 20th.

The prospect of the Miners' Executive modifying their present demands has not been encouraged by the majority of the decisions hitherto published from various districts. One of the most important occurred at Cardiff to-day, when a full delegates' conference of the South Wales Miners' Federation reaffirmed its previous resolutions insisting upon a national wage agreement and a profits pool, demanding rescission of the resolution of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain permitting safety work in the mines, and requested the resignation of Mr. Hodges.

FEDERATION FIRM.

Replying to the owners' new proposals, the Miners' Federation declare, that the offer merely re-formulates previous proposals, and is vague and meaningless. The Federation reiterates its demand for a national wages board and a national levy on tonnage.

BOLSHAVIST PROPAGANDA IN BRITISH ISLES.

MONTHLY EXPENDITURE OF £23,000.

LONDON, April 20th.

In the House of Commons, Major Sir J. H. Baird, on behalf of Mr. Shortt, stated that the Government was paying attention to Bolshavist propaganda in Great Britain. It fell under three heads—payment of salaries to Communist officials of £5 to £10 weekly; subsidies to the extremist Press; and free distribution of revolutionary literature. He believed this expenditure amounted to at least £23,000 monthly. There was evidence that some funds came from Moscow before the trade agreement was signed. Communist agents had undoubtedly been attempting to exploit the unemployed, whose unofficial committees in many industrial centres are chiefly carried on by paid Red agents, whose policy is to concentrate upon centres of industrial unrest. Much mischievous propaganda has been undertaken by persons who contrive to keep within the law, but the police are able to deal with some instances.

FOVARGUE MYSTERY.

JURY RECEIVE THREATENING LETTERS.

LONDON, April 20th.

The inquest on the case mentioned in a message of the 5th inst. leaves unsolved the mystery of who murdered Fovargue, despite the greatest police efforts to solve the crime. The theory is that it was a Sinn Fein crime, the victim being shot after leaving a dance at Fulham and the body conveyed to Ashford golf links in a motor-car. A sinister feature of the inquest was that seven jurymen received letters threatening that there would be hereafter in their families if a certain verdict was returned. The verdict given by the jury was "Murdered by some person unknown."

SINN FEIN PROCLAMATION.

LONDON, April 20th.

Sinn Feiners have issued a proclamation forbidding citizens of the Irish Republic to leave Ireland without permission and prohibiting shipping and emigration agents from accepting passage money or issuing tickets therefor. Serious penalties for infringement are threatened.

LATEST CABLES.

UNITED STATES LABOUR UNREST.

SEAMEN'S UNION THREATEN GENERAL STRIKE.

NEW YORK, April 21st.

The industrial troubles, which have recently become more threatening on account of wage reductions, are likely to come to a head as a result of the American Shipowners' Association giving notice of a 25 per cent. reduction in wages from May 1st, to which the Seamen's Union has replied with a threat of strike on the Atlantic and the Pacific sides, simultaneously.

CRICKET BOARD CONTROL. COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP SCORING.

LONDON, April 21st.

The Cricket Board Control has decided that scoring in the County Championship will be 5 points for win, completed match; and 3 points for a first innings victory, uncompleted match, the loser in the latter case securing one point.

GERMAN REPARATIONS. GERMANY'S HOPELESS SEARCH.

PARIS, April 19th.

According to the latest report, Germany seemingly gave up attempts to find a mediator, in view of the cold reception it met with in her tentative enquiries at Washington, Brussels, Berne and Prague.

The Allies are expected, very shortly, to receive direct proposals, which are said to be almost identical with those submitted at the London Conference in March last.

Rumours of an impending meeting of the Allied Supreme Council at a place on the British or French coast are taking shape.

FRENCH ESTIMATE OF RUHR COAL OUTPUT.

PARIS, April 21st.

A forecast states that French mining engineers will supervise the Germans in getting and distributing coal in the Ruhr area, and it is estimated that the output, then, will exceed 75 per cent. of the previous output of 250,000,000 tons annually. It is estimated that these new measures and the establishment of Customs on the eastern frontier of the occupied territory will yield between 3 to 5 milliards gold marks annually. The new Customs regime on the Rhine came into operation last night. There was the smallest delay caused to passengers.

EARLIER CABLES.

FURTHER FRENCH PROPOSALS.

PARIS, April 21st.

A forecast of France's proposals for penalties in the event of Germany's default on May 1st, includes a tax of 50 to 70 francs per ton on coal mined in the Ruhr region, a tax on exports, and the seizure of a proportion of shares in industrial concerns.

COLOMBIA TREATY RATIFIED

WASHINGTON, April 20th.

The Senate has ratified the Colombia Treaty, which provides for the cession of the Panama Canal Zone to the United States.

SHIPBUILDING TRADE WAGES.

AGREEMENT REGARDING REDUCTION.

LONDON, April 20th.

The shipbuilding employers and the shipbuilding Trade Union have reached an agreement whereby wages are to be reduced by 2/- per week from May 1st and a further 3/- on May 30th.

THE GUINEAS.

GOVERNMENT SANCTION.

LONDON, April 20th.

The Government has sanctioned the running of the Thousand and Two Thousand Guineas Races at Newmarket, both on April 20th.

SILVER MARKET.

AMERICA UNWILLING TO SELL. CHINA INCLINED TO BUY.

LONDON, April 20th.

America is unwilling to sell silver. On the Continent it was not offered. China is inclined to buy. Speculative buying has contributed to a rise. This has kept India out of the market.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

CHINESE SPECIAL ENVOY TO BRITAIN.

LONDON, April 20th.

Chu Chih-chen, the Special Envoy from China, will shortly arrive in England on an official mission, and will present the King with letters from the President of China.

RECEPTION BY FRENCH PREMIER.

PARIS, April 19th.

The French Premier received, in private audience, Chou Chi-chien, the Chinese President's Special Envoy to France.

PRESIDENT MILLERAND ENTERTAINS MISSION.

PARIS, April 19th.

M. Millerand gave a dinner in honour of members of the Chinese Mission, who have just arrived in Paris, with the former Premier Chou Chi-chien, M. Soumer, M. Sarraut and M. Painleve were present.

FAR EASTERN MAILS DAMAGED.

LONDON, April 21st.

The General Post Office announces that portions of the Indian and the Far Eastern mail arriving in London on April 20th have been seriously damaged by a gale in the Mediterranean. The larger portion of the mail will be delivered, but some addresses are indecipherable.

"A BUTTERFLY ON THE WHEEL."

LAST NIGHT'S PLAY AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

"A Butterfly on the Wheel," the comedy presented by the H. B. Waring Company at the Theatre Royal last night, is from the pen of Mr. E. C. Hemmerde, A.C., and is precisely the kind of play that one would expect from an experienced counsellor-at-law. It unfolds a tense chapter in the lives of a Cabinet Minister and his light-hearted young wife, who spends much of the ample leisure which her husband's Parliamentary duties leave her in the society of an ardent admirer. Under the mistaken impression that his passion is reciprocated, this admirer convinces that they shall miss the train by which they are to travel with a couple of friends to Switzerland and spend the night, as though by chance, in adjoining rooms in a Paris hotel. The wife's innocence is made evident in the scene which follows, but when the husband, who has been warned of the plot by an anonymous letter, arrives in the morning, the situation appears to admit of only one construction. Divorce proceedings are instituted and the most dramatic scene in the play is that in which the wife is seen undergoing a pitiless cross-examination in the witness-box. The most damning fact against her is the anonymous letter showing that the sojourn in Paris was pre-arranged, and not, as she honestly believes, the result of an accident. Before the case closes, however, the co-respondent is able to wring a confession of authorship from a lady of fashion, who has long been jealous of the wife. From this necessarily sketchy outline it will be realised that the play is one of absorbing human interest, with many highly dramatic situations. It was enacted in a manner that left nothing to be desired. The chief burden fell on Miss Jeannette Sherwin as "Peggy Adamson"—the butterfly who, though sorely bruised, was not broken on the wheel. An emotional actress of great talent, she proved fully equal to the exacting task imposed upon her. As her admirer, "Roderick Collingwood," Mr. Charles Quartermaine played the part of an ardent lover with all the necessary fervour. All the minor characters were in capable hands, conspicuous amongst them being that of "Sir Robert Fyfe, K.C., M.P.," leading counsel for the petitioner (Mr. Wordley, Hulse).

CAUSE OF THE "YANKEE TWANG."

Dr. Eugene Howe, Professor of Hygiene at Wellesley College (Massachusetts), has started his class of girls (says the New York Herald), by declaring that New England's traditional "Yankee twang" is due mostly to laziness of the jaw. This is not attributed to lack of jaw exercise, but to an unaccountable failure to let the lower jaw fall far enough in articulating.

A "BRITISH LEGION" FOR CHINA.

AN ORGANISATION OF BRITONS WHO SERVED IN THE WAR.

YESTERDAY'S MEETING.

Over 200 ex-Service men attended the meeting, convened by Major-General Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, K.C.M.G., K.C.S.I., which was held in the R.A. Theatre, Victoria barracks, yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of discussing the formation of an ex-Service organisation.

At the outset Major-General Kirkpatrick apologised for the unavoidable postponement of the meeting which had been called for the previous Friday, and then proceeded briefly to explain the purpose of the gathering.

Since I have been in Hongkong," the General said, "I have felt very much that there is a need for an organisation of those Britons who served in the War and are now in civil life in Hongkong." It would, he continued, be a great pity if the memory of their common experiences, their strenuous times together, and their glorious success was allowed to grow dim, especially in a far-away part of the world like this, where they were a small body of Britons confronting unknown contingencies which no man could foretell. Major-General Kirkpatrick went on to speak of the British Legion, a combination of ex-Service organisations whose name seemed to him to express very well their needs and aspirations in a place like Hongkong. He had asked them to come there that afternoon so that they might, if they thought fit, organise themselves in some such fashion here.

They had as their first object, the General said, the continuance of their comradeship, and another great purpose was that of mutual help. It would mean as well that they would be able to keep in touch with each other by social gatherings and, as at home, the organisation should be absolutely non-political, non-sectarian and democratic right through. It should be open to all who served their King and country and to all who, through that service, had earned their country's gratitude and now desired to keep alive the associations and recollections of the time when they were serving together in their country's cause. He hoped that the proposal would commend itself to them and that they would be able to take the first steps towards the formation of such an organisation that afternoon.

Brig-Gen. E. B. Macnaughten said that the General Officer Commanding had explained fully to the meeting the idea of forming a branch of the British Legion in Hongkong and throughout China, and he had much pleasure in proposing that the League be formed.

Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird seconded.

He motioned on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

A member proposed that the coat of arms—Swallow, Arrow, Pheasant, etc.—be included in the Association.

The General Officer Commanding said that the words "throughout China" were meant to include those ports.

THE COMMITTEE.

The next business was to elect a committee. Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird said that the following gentlemen he had spoken to were prepared to serve on the committee and do their best to further the aims of the Association—Brig-Gen. Macnaughten, Major-General Messers. Hill, Brayfield, Cobb, Hall, Lapsley, James, Young, Holmes, Hawker, Bell-Ising, Murdoch, Dr. Black, Dr. Allan and Police Sergeant.

The General Officer Commanding said that the committee would have the power to form an executive and appoint a Secretary and, if necessary, to call up additional members. If the meeting did not have further names to suggest, he would propose those read out by Col. Bird en bloc.

Brig-Gen. Macnaughten seconded, and the motion was carried *unanimously*.

On the invitation of the General Officer Commanding all present then filled their membership forms and handed them in.

A member called attention to the fact that Col. Bird's name was not included in the committee. He said it could not be complete without the Colonel serving on it.

The General Officer Commanding said that Col. Bird's name should be taken for granted; it was modesty which prompted him not to include himself in the list.

Col. Bird expressed his willingness to serve, and his name was included in the committee.

SMALL BODY OF RESERVES.

Addressing the meeting, Brigadier-General Macnaughten said that many of those present could not join the volunteers because they were busy or for various other reasons, but in case of emergency they could be of use to the General or the Police, and he proposed that those who wished to band together to form a small body of reserves for that purpose should have rifles and handlovers issued to them, but provide their own ammunition. Given a meeting place in case of emergency, they would be of great help. Another suggestion he would like to put forward, was that they formed themselves into a corps of reserve of material help in case of a general mobilisation, when their members could be used to fill the gaps of regular officers who might be moved about.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

COOLIE EMIGRATION FROM CHINA.

(TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS.")

Sir,—With reference to your leader on "Coolie Emigration from China," although, as therein stated, a large number of Chinese coolies have proceeded to my country, I beg to inform you that I, personally, during my tenure of office since August 3rd, 1920, have not visited any passports or issued any permits of any description.

Thanking you for the courtesy—Yours,

M. HARRINGTON, Consul for Cuba.

Hongkong, April 21st, 1921.

A QUESTION FOR THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

In connection with this question which formed the subject of our leading article yesterday, the Asiatic News Agency says:

The Government at Peking has wired to Dr. Wellington Koo, who is now in Paris for the opening of the League Conference, instructing him to introduce into the Conference the subject of prohibiting the enlistment of workers or labourers. China contends that, even at the present time, there are clandestine labour offices in Hongkong, Macao and in foreign colonies in the South Pacific Islands, which are still engaged in an illegal and inhuman trade in Chinese labourers for foreign industries, and that generally ignorant Chinese labourers of Kwangtung, Fukien and other coastal provinces of China are induced by agents of the clandestine labour offices to emigrate without the knowledge or consent of the Chinese Government. For the sake of humanity, the Government suggests that the proper procedures adopted by the British and the French Governments in the enlistment of Chinese coolies during the war should be followed by the Powers, if any of them want Chinese labour for industrial purposes, and that joint efforts should be made for the suppression of illegal labour offices and agents. This is the only bill China proposes to introduce into the League Conference for discussion at this meeting.

CHINESE LABOUR IN CUBA.

According to the *China Times* the local Commissioner for Foreign Affairs has circulated various districts in the province on the subject of the recruitment of Chinese labour for Cuba. The circular points out that owing to industrial conditions in Cuba more than 10,000 labourers have been thrown out of work, and that if more Chinese are allowed to proceed there, anti-Chinese feeling may result. Accordingly all authorities are counselled to take steps to prevent any secret recruiting of labourers for that country such as has been proceeding of late.

THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING.

The General Officer Commanding said that his point of view with regard to the offer of help in case of emergency, was that it would be of great assistance, but the suggestion of issuing arms was one which had to be carefully considered and must be put before higher authorities. He suggested that the matter could be held over until the Association had had its rules drawn up; then the suggestion could be brought forward and the *pro* and *con* thoroughly discussed. It was possible that the meeting would like a rifle club, but such a club could not give the training one received in that excellent body, the H.K.V.D.C., and nothing should be undertaken by them which would impair the recruiting for the corps. The second suggestion, the General said, was after his own heart, and it need not be confined to those who held His Majesty's commission. It would be a democratic body with certain qualifications and all could apply for enrolment in the body who had those qualifications. The Association's Executive could discuss the matter with him later. The General also said that the Headquarters of the South China Command would give the Committee and Executive what help it could willingly and to the fullest extent.

The General added that he would be going to North China to inspect his small commands at various places in about two weeks' time, and if by then—as he hoped—the Association was fully developed he would be able to tell members of various bodies of men like themselves there of what the ex-Service men here had done.

Admiral Sir Alexander Duff, K.C.B., said it gave him much pleasure to propose a vote of thanks to the General Officer Commanding for calling the meeting and so ably conducting it. He thought it was fitting that this vote of thanks should come from the Navy which was not largely represented at the meeting. Still, they were sister services and the co-operation between them during the war had been surprisingly successful and cordial, which was as it ought to be. The Association they had just formed was a very useful one, especially as it required a great deal of help to keep together in a place like Hongkong. (Applause.)

General Sir George Kirkpatrick having expressed his thanks for the prompt way his invitation had been accepted and the cordial reception his proposals had received, the meeting terminated.

THE S.S. "GOLDEN STATE"

The big liner *Golden State*, lying in mid-stream off Blake Pier, was thrown open to public inspection yesterday afternoon, and many residents accepted the invitation given to the public by the Pacific Mail Co. who are the Managing Agents of the vessel for the United States Shipping Board. With ships of this size coming on the run there should be no difficulty in meeting the demand for passages across the Pacific. The *Golden State* is the first of the five steamers of the "535" type assigned to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. The others, the *Empire State*, *Palmetto State*, *Hoosier State* and *Lane Star State*, will follow upon completion of construction and will be operated by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company in their service from San Francisco to Hongkong via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Shanghai and Manila. The *Golden State* is 535 ft. in length, with a beam of 72 feet. She is of 21,167 tons displacement and has a regular speed of 17 knots and is capable of doing 20 knots in an emergency.

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THE PREVALENCE OF RABIES.

RESTRICTIONS ON THE MOVEMENT OF DOGS.

The following notification was published yesterday by a *Government Gazette* Extraordinary:—Regulations made by the Officer Administering the Government in Council under section 8 of the Dogs Ordinance, 1920, Ordinance No. 3 of 1920, this 21st day of April, 1921.

1.—Except with the permission in writing of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon the removal of any dog from any one of the following districts into any other district is prohibited:—

- (a) The island of Hongkong.
 - (b) Kowloon and New Kowloon.
 - (c) All other parts of the Colony.
- 2.—Until further notice no dogs brought from any part of China will be permitted to land in the Colony without the consent in writing of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon.

THE FOREIGN POSTAL AGENCIES IN CHINA.

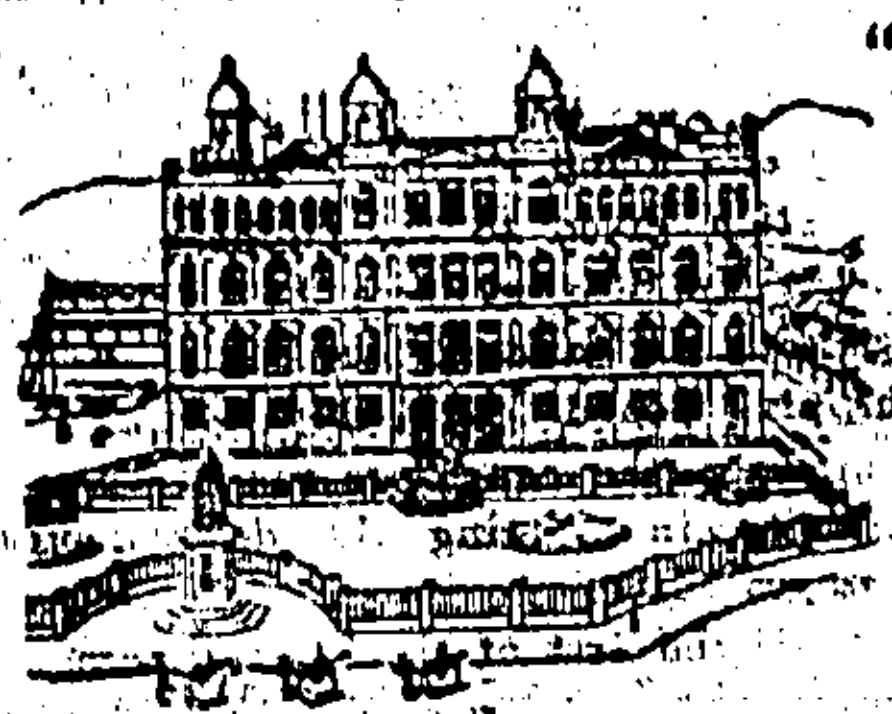
A PREMATURE REPORT.

A report has been in circulation that the foreign post offices in China, with the exception of the Japanese post offices, will shortly be abolished. This report, says the Asiatic News Agency, is premature. But following on the decision of the last International Communications Conference in Spain, the Government has issued instructions to the Chinese representative to continue, in spite of the opposition of the Japanese representative, to demand the early withdrawal of foreign post office within her territory, because China's own post office are competent to handle all mails.

A JAPANESE KILLED IN HUNAN.

\$50,000 COMPENSATION DEMANDED.

The Asiatic News Agency states that General Chao, Commander-in-Chief of the Hunan Army, has sent to the provincial assembly of Hunan a claim for compensation for the killing of a Japanese subject named "Tatsun" on board a Japanese steamer at Hsinan by a Hunan soldier in June last year. The despatch states that an official note has been received from the Japanese Consul at Changsha stating that, under instructions from his Government, in addition to the making of an apology to the Japanese Consulate by the Hunan provincial Government, and giving an assurance of the Hunan and the non-repetition of similar incidents in the future, the Japanese Government demands that the Provincial Government of Hunan shall pay to the relatives of the deceased Tatsun the sum of \$50,000. After repeated negotiations between the Japanese Consul and the Foreign Commissioner in Changsha, the Consul agreed to reduce the claim by \$5,000, and now demands the immediate payment of \$45,000. The Japanese contention is that as the deceased, as an *employee* on board the steamer usually received more than one hundred dollars per month, therefore, for a period of thirty years, the amount would run up to more than fifty thousand dollars. General Chao regards the demand of the Japanese Consul as excessive because in the Changli and the Chenchiang incidents, Japan paid only about \$500 for each Chinese killed by the Japanese, and further, as Hsinan was declared a "military precautionary area" by the Hunan Government during June last year, the deceased Tatsun was killed by mistake, being mistaken for a soldier as Chang Chin-tang, younger brother of Tsuchun Chang Chin-yao. The Chinese soldier did not recognise the deceased to be a Japanese subject because there was no reason for a Japanese or any other foreigner to place himself in personal danger in Hsinan which had been declared to be a "military precautionary area." The deceased carried no passport with him. General Chao asks the members of the Provincial assembly to give their opinion on the question, because he is reluctant to decide on the claim without the previous approval of the legislature.



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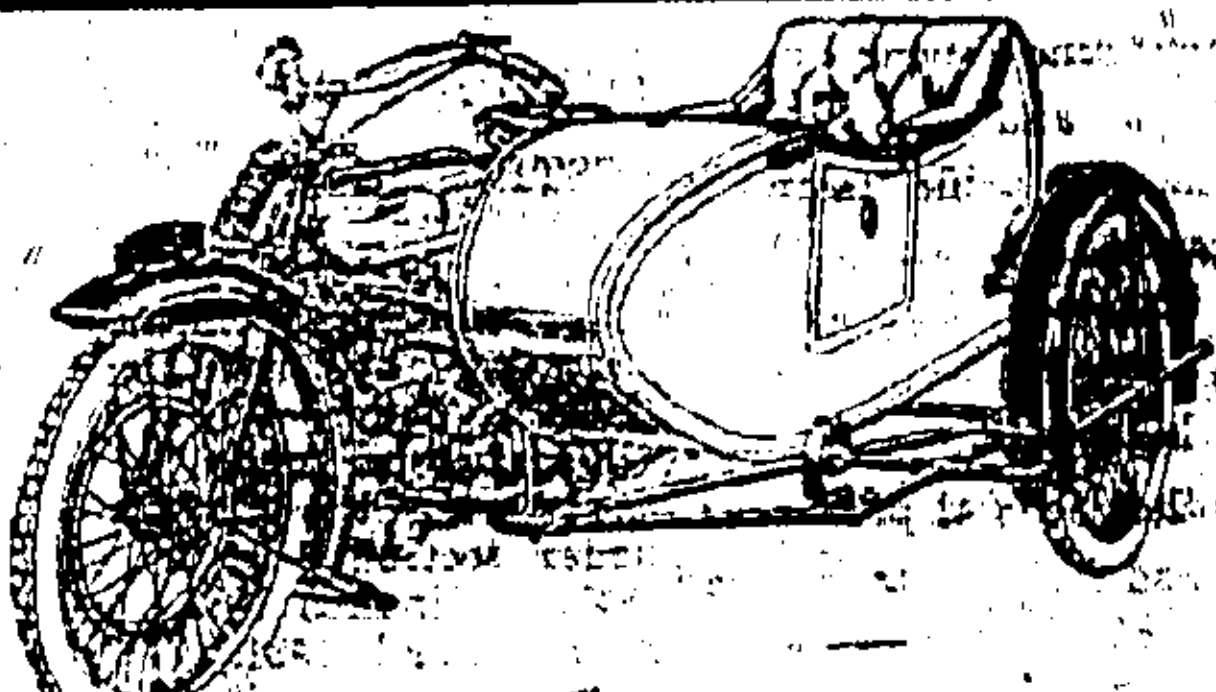
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THE CULT OF EMBROIDERY.

(BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, ISABEL RAMSAY.)

Paris, February 27th.
Navy blue serge frocks are at the present moment almost a uniform. The dark background of the material lends an air of lightness to the figure, besides acting as an excellent foil to the brilliant, glittering embroideries which are so much in vogue.

A navy blue dress of the simplest cut may be made to look the last note in style by the addition of straps or motifs of embroidery, discreetly placed. The gay colours of raffia are particularly suitable for all kinds of treatment in this respect, some preferring to make use of strands in one or two colours; others lavishing a riot of crimson, peacock blue and green shades on to a design which repays them by looking delightfully Oriental and brightening up the sombre simplicity of their dress. Different coloured wools are also used in this way, but it is a long time since one strand of silk was taken from a work-basket to be utilised thus. Very likely this is far more a question having to do with four hundred or so per cent. increase in the cost of the products of our little friend, the silkworm, than to the actual trend of fashion, but whatever the cause, silk as a method of embroidery has disappeared from the horizon of dress for the time being.

POPULARITY OF WHITE.

White continues to gain in popularity day by day. As a method of embroidery it is more in vogue than anything else. The blue serge frocks just referred to are invariably trimmed with white embroidery worked in a profusion of chain stitch scrolls, loops and lines. Sometimes touches on the bodices and skirts suffice; sometimes a front panel will be entirely covered with white scroll designs; and very often the whole frock will be one mass of white or cream chain stitch work. Scrolls are the commonest form of utilising these embroidery effects, but another favourite method is that of long straight lines running horizontally or vertically or crossing so as to form squares. For the serge frock as well as for the taffetas, white organdie is the last note in smartness. A frock may be as simple as possible in cut and style, but with the addition of collar and cuffs, a front or a dash of organdie, it becomes smart and dainty enough to please the most fastidious. What might almost be termed a craze for organdie has reached such proportions that milliners are now using it for trimming hats, the usual method being to take a black or navy straw hat and place thereon, at a more or less perilous angle, a crushed bow of white organdie. While its freshness lasts this is ever so smart and fresh-looking. Belts of it are also used, for preference on taffetas frocks. The latest creation of one of the great designers is an afternoon frock in black taffetas, made with a very short, full skirt, and a perfectly plain, somewhat tightly-fitting bodice, buttoning down the back with tiny covered buttons which continue down the placket hole of the skirt as well. The rounded out neck and the short puff sleeves are finished with a roll of white organdie cut on the cross, and the waist line is defined by a roll of the same material which finishes in loops and loops at the back.

Another designer shows a black taffetas dress made on the lines of a long dust-coat finished with a deep row of collar tapering away to the waist line. This is open completely right down the front to show a panel of organdie arranged in a series of tiny frills from the hem to the top. The taffetas part of the frock is embroidered in white beads.

IDEAS IN EMBROIDERY.

The notion for embroidery is so persistent that the lining to one's cape is now made an opportunity for a lavish display of extra trimming. A very pretty model of this type which I saw recently was made in navy blue serge, very simply cut, and depending for its only ornament on a sash loosely tied at the side and finished with a deep fringe of burnt orange silk. With it is worn a half-length cape, also quite simply cut, finished with a stand-up collar of white organdie and a lining of navy silk covered with scroll effects worked in burnt orange silk. A black hat covered so that it looked more like a bird's nest than any product of a milliner's art, with feathers in a burnt orange shade, completed the ensemble of colour and effect.

Although the reign of the purely 1880 models is fast approaching its short-lived career, the long waist-line continues to prevail. Very few bodies finish at more than two or three inches below the actual waist, some being even longer than this. Those that are not joined on to the skirt so as to form a one-piece dress are finished with a swathed belt fastening at the side, with or without ends. The tendency to wear bodies with long waists has brought forward countless adaptations of the jumper blouse. Of these there are two types—one very loose and floppy, and the other fitting closely to the figure like a sheath. The one is invariably long and the other quite short—that is to say, the first type reaches in some cases to the knees and the other merely to within four or five inches below the waist-line. The floppy type is caught into the waist by a girde, or else the waist-line is defined by an elastic which draws the jumper into this part of the figure; the skimp type, on the contrary, is perfectly straight in line and inclined to follow the cut of a man-of-war sailor's jacket.

THE ORGANDIE TOUCH.

Liberty and the shops of its kind make the most expensive and elaborate models of the first type, with silver and gold lace, georgette and crepe de Chine for their fashioning. The other type is reserved for the art of the smaller shops, and less expensive materials, not to mention the home dressmaker, herself. With the kimono sleeves, it is the simplest affair in the world to run up these little jumpers, and, in order to safeguard the note of simplicity, the simplest of materials such as voile, linen and cotton crepe is all that is needed for their construction. With a simple cut and a simple material all that is needed to complete

the effect is a touch or two of embroidery in any of the favoured methods of the moment, or else a light note introduced by a scrap of organdie judiciously placed.

AMERICAN PROTEST AT PRICES.

During the week, I assisted at parades at several of the big Rue de la Paix and the Royale shops, parades which left the eyes blinking and the brain heavy with their ultra brilliance and novelty. Infinitely more mannequins paraded in gowns, each one of which was a separate and distinct work of art, demanding all the creative genius and executive ability required for a costly piece of jewellery, a treasured vase or a unique piece of enamel. It is this demand for exclusiveness which is responsible, apart from the higher cost of labour and material, for the excessive increase in cost of this season's models.

A group of American buyers showed their disunity in a practical manner by standing up and walking out in a body when shown a plain velvet tailor-made trimmed with a single rose embroidered on the side, for which the price of 1,500 francs was asked.

And yet, in spite of such exorbitant prices, the show-rooms of every designer and modiste in Paris are overflowing with buyers, and every afternoon these same rooms are crowded with women choosing their frocks and hats (apparently regardless of price) as they are shown off by the pretty mannequins.

THE THREE-PIECE DRESS.

A model which is bound to become very popular, reason of its double attraction of smartness and economy is the three-piece dress. The particular type already in vogue shows a short jacket or sac coat over a tight-fitting bodice that fits the body like a severe coat-of-mail, moulding and outlining its every movement; this is allied to a skirt that is either eased into the waist or is pleated. One striking model was in ivory georgette, the frock part being made quite plain and trimmed with a belt and trailing ends at the side of narrow navy velvet; the coat was of the sac type and was entirely covered with embroidery carried out in navy silk, a collar of crushed velvet ribbon being added.

Another lovely model was in silver grey tulle, and showed a plain little coat bordered with a deep band of royal blue and silver, and a frock composed of a bodice of the coat-of-mail type joined to a plain skirt by a deep band of embroidery in royal blue and silver tones. The same type was also carried out in a black velvet coat embroidered with grey silk and worn over a grey frock embroidered with black silk and finished with grey corozo buttons. Seeing that these frocks are not only the last word in smartness but possess as well the advantage of doing duty for two frocks for the one price, it will not be surprising if they become the chief favourites during the coming season.

NEWSPAPER PRESS FUND.

JOURNALS IN TOSY-TURVEYDOM.

At the annual meeting of the Newspaper Press Fund, Viscount Burnham (President), in moving the adoption of the report, remarked that the atmosphere of newspaper-land could not be said to be altogether exhilarating. It seemed to be in a state of tosy-turveydom. After a short gleam of sunshine, due to company prospectuses and Government advertising, they were plunged again into their own peculiar gloom. They were standing on their heads, but their feet were kicking out in every direction. It was suggested by a certain school of thought that the rate of profit of capital ought to be a fixed quantity. He was quite sure newspaper proprietors would be glad to receive it, whatever it was at the present moment. When they instructed, as they did, the whole community how to run its business, they might with advantage reflect how little they managed to extract from their own industry. Referring to the question of unemployment, which all knew was widespread, especially among journalists, he said it was likely to increase rather than to diminish, and there was all the more necessity for the exercise, on the part of the fund, of wise and sympathetic benevolence, and all the greater reason for thrift and providence. No question of charity was involved. What the fund did was rather a return for self insurance. Last year's total grants and bonuses were just over £8,000, a record for any one year. This year the disbursements were likely to be still heavier. The membership was constantly increasing, and the fund was in the lucky condition of not having to increase its subscriptions. The council had added 50 per cent. to the pensions, and had added to the grants when necessary required. The invested funds now exceeded £100,000. He always laid stress, Lord Burnham said, on the fact that the fund was the premier institution of the newspaper profession, both in date and fame. He hoped it would not be long before they might be honoured with the presence of the Prince of Wales at their festival.

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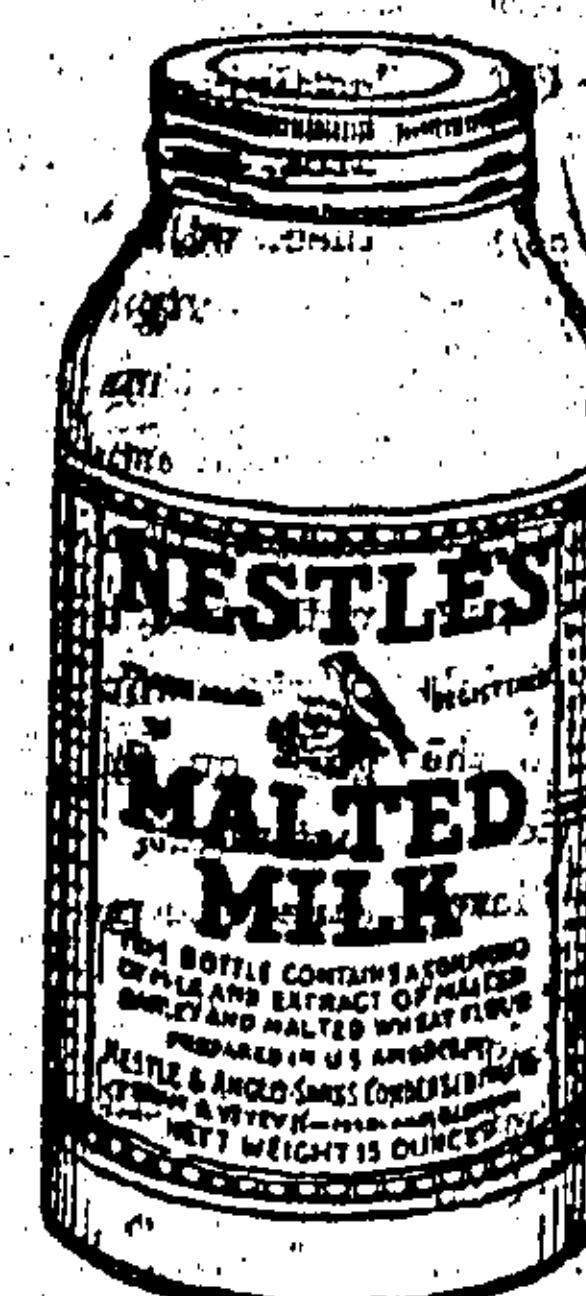
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BRITISH AND U.S. NAVIES.
LORD LEE ON "A SQUARE DEAL."
"HEADS ACROSS THE SEA."

Lord Lee of Fareham, First Lord of the Admiralty, responded to the toast of "The Royal Navy" at the annual dinner of the Institution of Naval Architects, held on March 18th, at the "Connaught Rooms. The Duke of Northumberland presided.

The Chairman, proposing the toast, said he thought they ought to congratulate themselves on the decision which the Admiralty had come to both as regarded the future standard of naval strength and also as to the type of vessel we were going to construct.

Lord Lee said the Board of Admiralty was to-day faced with some of the most perplexing problems that had ever confronted naval administration in Great Britain. The decision was made more difficult because at the same time they had to solve the question of how to maintain the Navy at adequate strength and to make heavy obligations on the altar of international economy. These things were not easy to reconcile, and the task would seem hopeless were it not that one was fortified and comforted by the lessons of history.

We had been confronted recently with the problem of the capital ship. There were those who told us that the capital ship was obsolete. He did not find that that was the balance of opinion held in any naval country, and so far as the Admiralty inquiries had gone here, they were convinced that the capital ship was not obsolete—that it still remained the basis of sea power, and that it would still continue to play in the future the same vital part in naval warfare as it had done in the past. (Cheers.) The Admiralty were not sitting on a fence, and the statement made only two days ago showed that they proposed a modest replacing of our older and obsolete capital ships. They were doing it largely upon the principle that in circumstances of the time, we must rest content with a smaller Navy, then it was more and more imperative that the Navy should be of the very highest quality with regard to its material, and that we should maintain it in the past, and that it had been always in the past, and that was the highest possible efficiency in its personnel. (Cheers.) If they were to proceed on any other assumption, that would be impairing that most precious possession of British sea power—the morale and spirit of the British Navy. As regarded the actual ships, there was a wide field of speculation as to detail.

Discussing the broader international aspects of naval policy, Lord Lee said: "I think all of us must be asking ourselves frequently the question—Whether are we going after the triumph of conclusion of that war which was to make the world safe for civilization? It is hard to believe that those who were fighting side by side to save that civilization are now going to build navies against each other, if for no other reason, because it would be so ridiculous and so silly. I am encouraged in this matter by the moderate view which is being taken by the Governments of other great Naval Powers in that it is better that we should speak plainly of the greatest Naval Power in the world apart from ourselves. We see the United States of America. The American Senate is laying down the principle that America shall maintain a Navy at least equal to that of any other Power. That is a claim to equality which this country has never expected in the past, and never would expect save in connection with a great English-speaking nation, and a great place in our regard and confidence. (Cheers.) We have twice affirmed in the most formal way possible our acceptance for the future of a one-Power standard.

If you look across the Atlantic you see that Mr. Denby, Secretary of the American Navy, has said that American interests naturally call for a navy equal to that of any other Power. The difference between our formula and that of America is too slight to be made a subject of controversy, still less of friction or hostility. I join issue with those who say we should not discuss this question because war with any of our late Allies and with America is unthinkable. Wars do not become impossible because people never think about them, and this is a subject about which we ought to be thinking—thinking day and night, with the fixed intention of making it impossible. (Cheers.) Because if ever a war is going to take place between us and any of our late Allies, it will be the fault of blind or criminal leading for which our statesmen, whether in London, Washington, Tokyo, or the capital of any other naval Power, would be condemned and execrated in history if they failed to avert such a tragedy.

PLAIN HORSE SENSE NEEDED.
Mr. Denby has said that the greatest calamity that could overtake humanity would be war between this country and America, and that between us we could control the sea. I have no doubt that between us we could—but the question before us to-day is whether we are heading in the right direction with regard to our Navies without consulting with each other. In that respect I think the Government of this country has a clear responsibility. We have in our Estimates of this year set an example of reduction. We have admittedly taken risks as regards the relative position of our Navies and of others, and we are prepared to go far as possible in that direction by mutual agreement. But merely to talk of hands across the sea is not sufficient; we must have our heads across the sea as well. It is not enough to talk about blood being thicker than water. What we want is that plain horse sense which is characteristic of both our countries, and personally, from a long knowledge of America, I have a profound belief in business talking leading up to a square deal.

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April 25th	5.55 a.m.	6.47 p.m.
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April 27th	5.54 a.m.	6.48 p.m.
April 28th	5.53 a.m.	6.49 p.m.
April 29th	5.52 a.m.	6.49 p.m.
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I hold strongly that in this matter, we are not engaged in a game of poker or of bluff, but in a sort of game where we ought to lay our cards on the table, and discuss frankly with our friends what the future should be. (Cheers.) The only point that remains to be settled is, who is to make the first move to initiate the discussion? Still, we are not disposed to stand upon ceremony in this or in any other matter. We welcome the hint which has been thrown out by President Harding, and it will continue to be met with the most cordial and helpful response here. (Cheers.) I can say this, that, if the invitation comes from Washington, personally, I am prepared to put aside all other business, pressing though it may be, in order to take part in business, than which there can be nothing more pressing in the affairs of this world. (Cheers.)

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Peking Maru, Japanese str., 1,668 tons, Capt. Yoshida, from Canton, with a general cargo.—N.Y.K.

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Anakura Maru, Japanese str., 2,350 tons, Capt. T. Harada, from Keelung, with coal and tea.—O.S.K.
Hangnam, British str., 1,300 tons, Capt. G. Holmwood, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—J.M. & Co.
Kwai Sang, British str., 1,430 tons, Capt. L. McHussey, from Kobe, with a general cargo.—J.M. & Co.
Moham, Chinese str., 781 tons, Capt. A. Cornelissen, from Haiphong and Hoihow, with coal and rice.—Tung Tak S.S. Co.
Nichiren Maru, Japanese str., 1,188 tons, Capt. K. Funakoshi, from Canton, with coal.—N.Y.K.
Shun Chong, Chinese str., 235 tons, Capt. Leung Sun Kong, from K. C. Wan, with a general cargo.—Wai Yee.
Suyang, British str., 1,994 tons, Capt. W. Shane, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo.—B. & S.
Togo Maru, Japanese str., 1,477 tons, Capt. T. Nakamura, from Shanghai and Nankin, with coal.—Y. Sato & Co.
Tienan, British str., 1,227 tons, Capt. Carver, from Canton.—B. & S.

CLEARANCES.

April 21st.

Banyai Maru, for Keelung, Clipping, for Canton.
Chung Hing, for Swatow.
Clan, for Tarakan.
Crosskeys, for Kobe.
Delight, for Kobe.
Ebura, for Balikpapan.
Hangnam, for Canton.
Hani, for K. C. Wan.
Haru Maru, for Chingwantao.
Kanawa, for Kobe.
Kawaga, for Shanghai.
Nichiren Maru, for Hongkong.
Peking Maru, for Shanghai.
Phuung, for Saigon.
Shinchoang, for Swatow.
Soku Maru, for Swatow.
Togo Maru, for Canton.
Tienan, for Shanghai.
Wah, for Swatow.
Yei Maru, for Hongkong.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. *Nile*, for San Francisco, via Shanghai and Japan ports:—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Motely, Miss Stogden, Miss Brooks, Miss Whitehead, Mrs. G. Sauer, Miss N. Taylor, Miss J. Humphreys, Miss V. Lamont, Miss A. Anderson, Miss W. Auderson, Mr. B. Kemp, Mr. J. O'Connor, Mrs. C. F. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. Edwards, Mrs. A. Leggett, Mr. and Mrs. B. Moore, Mr. L. E. Kinsig, Mr. C. H. Purcell, Mr. G. G. Hacke, Mr. P. J. Score, Mr. M. G. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Benson, Mr. L. Hodgson, Mr. M. R. Vittal, Mr. J. W. Andrews, Mr. W. S. Jones, Mr. C. R. McMillin, Mr. C. Campbell-Orde, Mrs. Madier, Mr. R. D. Wilson, Mr. E. W. Powers, Mr. W. Church.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Malacca Maru* (Calcutta line) left Singapore for this port on April 20th, and is expected here on April 21st.
 The s.s. *Bulton Castle* (Doddwell & Co., Ltd. Agents), from China and the Straits for New York, via Boston, arrived at Boston on April 15th.
 The s.s. *Bowen Castle* (Barber line), which left New York on March 8th for Hongkong, via ports, arrived at Yokohama on April 20th.
 The s.s. *Egyptian Castle*, which left Hongkong for New York, via Suez, left Manila for Singapore on April 20th.
 The s.s. *Elmora* (Blue Funnel line) left Shanghai on the 21st instant for London, Rotterdam and Hamburg via Hongkong. The vessel is due here on the 24th inst., and will sail on the 25th inst.

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Ports of call:—Batavia, Samarang, Soerabaya, Macassar and Balikpapan.

S.S. "MACASSAR MARU" ... sailing on or about 10th May.
S.S. "SAMARANG MARU" ... sailing on or about 20th May.

FOR JAPAN.

Ports of call:—Mojil, Kobe and Yokohama.

S.S. "SAMARANG MARU" ... sailing on or about 10th April.
S.S. "BORNEO MARU" ... sailing on or about 18th May.

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VESSELS EXPECTED.

Asuta Maru (N.Y.K.), due April 27th.
Awa Maru (N.Y.K.), due April 24th.
Benalder (Blue Funnel), due April 23rd.
Bowen Castle (Barber line), Doddwell & Co., agents, from New York, due May 15th.
Sarayades (Blue Funnel), due April 20th.
Hector (Blue Funnel), due May 1st.
Inaba Maru (N.Y.K.), from Japan, due April 28th.
Kaga Maru (N.Y.K.), from London for this port, due May 25th.
Malacca Maru (N.Y.K.), from Calcutta, due April 25th.
Macraon (Blue Funnel), due May 8th.
Shidzuka Maru (N.Y.K.), due May 19th.
Wakata Maru (N.Y.K.), from Japan, due April 22nd.
Wenatchee (Admiral line), due May 1st.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying in the Great Northern Telegraph Company's office at Hongkong:—

Addresses From
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 Thong Yak Shanghai
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 Tuen Ching Tai Shanghai
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 Gresson Company Macao
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WEATHER REPORT.

April 21st, at 11.32.—Pressure has again decreased slightly at all reporting stations; the anti-cyclone continues to move eastward.
 Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 5.84 inches against an average of 8.60 inches.
 The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

District Forecast.
 Hongkong to Gap Rock (E. & S.E. winds, moderate; fair.
 Formosa Channel The same as No. 1.
 South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook The same as No. 1.
 South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan The same as No. 1.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, April 21st.

	Previous Day at 3 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 3 p.m.
Barometer ...	29.96	29.93	29.92
Temperature ...	73	70	74
Humidity ...	75	89	75
Wind Direction ...	East	East	East
Force ...	2	3	3
Weather ...	0	0	0
Rain ...	0	0	0

Highest open-air Temperature on 20th ... 74
 Lowest open-air Temperature on 21st ... 70

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From April 22nd to 28th, 1921.

HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
Day of Week	Time	Day of Week	Time
Fri. 22	10 17 a	Fri. 22	4 29 p
Satur. 23	9 32 a	Satur. 23	5 14 p
Sun. 24	10 18 a	Sun. 24	4 29 p
Mon. 25	11 56 a	Mon. 25	5 14 p
Tues. 26	10 48 a	Tues. 26	4 29 p
Wed. 27	11 31 a	Wed. 27	5 14 p
Thur. 28	10 48 a	Thur. 28	4 29 p

C P O S

HONGKONG TO VANCOUVER

via Shanghai, Nagasaki, (Mojil), Kobe & Yokohama

Steamer	From Hongkong	Due Vancouver
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Apr. 28	May 16
EMPEROR OF JAPAN	May 17	June 7
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 25	June 13
EMPEROR OF EUROPE	June 14	July 1
EMPEROR OF AFRICA	June 22	July 11
EMPEROR OF AUSTRALIA	July 7	July 28
EMPEROR OF AMERICA	July 21	Aug. 8
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Aug. 18	Sept. 5
EMPEROR OF EUROPE	Aug. 28	Sept. 16
EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Sept. 20	Oct. 11

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SEINTO MARU	22,000	April 27th
PERSEA MARU	22,000	May 14th
TAIYO MARU	22,000	May 28th
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TEITO MARU	22,000	June 24th
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STEAMERS	TONS	LEAVE HONGKONG
SEINTO MARU	14,000	May 15th
RAKUTO MARU	17,500	June 10th
OROYO MARU	17,500	July 11th

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May 18th	June 15th	April 21st

SAILING FROM

HONGKONG for MANILA

S.S. "NANKING"	June 4th
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TJILIWONG	JAVA	28th Apr.	3rd May	SHANGHAI
TJIKINI	JAVA	8th May	11th May	SHANGHAI
TJILEBOET	JAVA	8th May	12th May	JAPAN
TJISONDARI	SAN FRANCISCO	8th May	12th May	JAVA

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For	Steamer	To Sail
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"WUHU"	On 22nd April, 11 A.M.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HONGKONG	"KAIYANG"	On 23rd April, 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SUIYANG"	On 24th April, 10 A.M.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"CHINHUA"	On 24th April, 10 A.M.
AMOY, MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"TAMING"	On 25th April, 4 P.M.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"CHENG TU"	On 26th April, 10 A.M.
AMOY, SHANGHAI & PUKOW	"SUZUCHOW"	On 26th April, Noon.
WUHAU, CANTON & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 26th April, 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"SOOCHOW"	On 26th April, Noon.
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"SOUDAN"	7,000	28th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DEVASHA"	6,000	27th April	London & Antwerp
"DILWARA"	5,378	9th May	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
"NAGOYA"	7,000	13th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"PLASSY"	7,346	11th June	do.
"DELTA"	8,000	24th June	do.

BRITISH INDIA - APCAR SAILINGS (South)

"JAPAN"	6,000	15th May	Calcutta via Suez, Pango & Rangoon
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"ST. ALBANS"	5,000	25th May	Sydney & Melbourne.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

"JAPAN"	6,000	27th Apr.	Shanghai & Japan.
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"GANGES MARU" ... Saturday, 30th April.

DELI & BANGKOK via SAIGON & SINGAPORE—Regular monthly service.

"SHISEN MARU" ... Sunday, 1st May.

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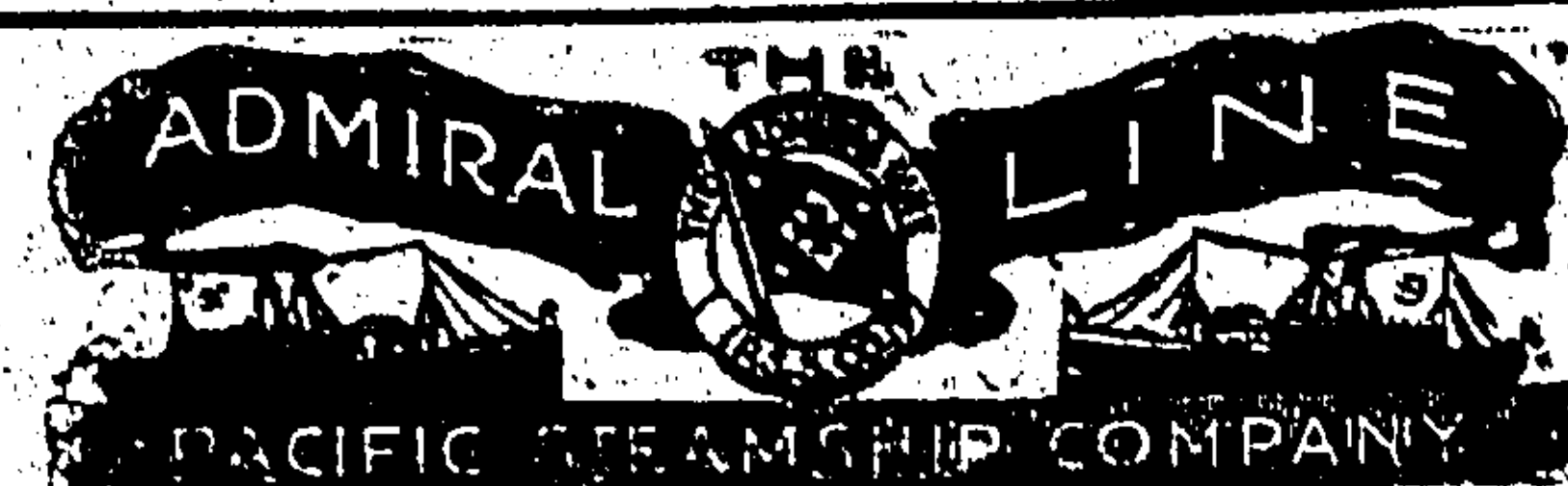
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SS. "EDMORE"	Freight only	May 21st
SS. "KEYSTONE STATE"	Freight only	July 3rd
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FOR PORTLAND DIRECT

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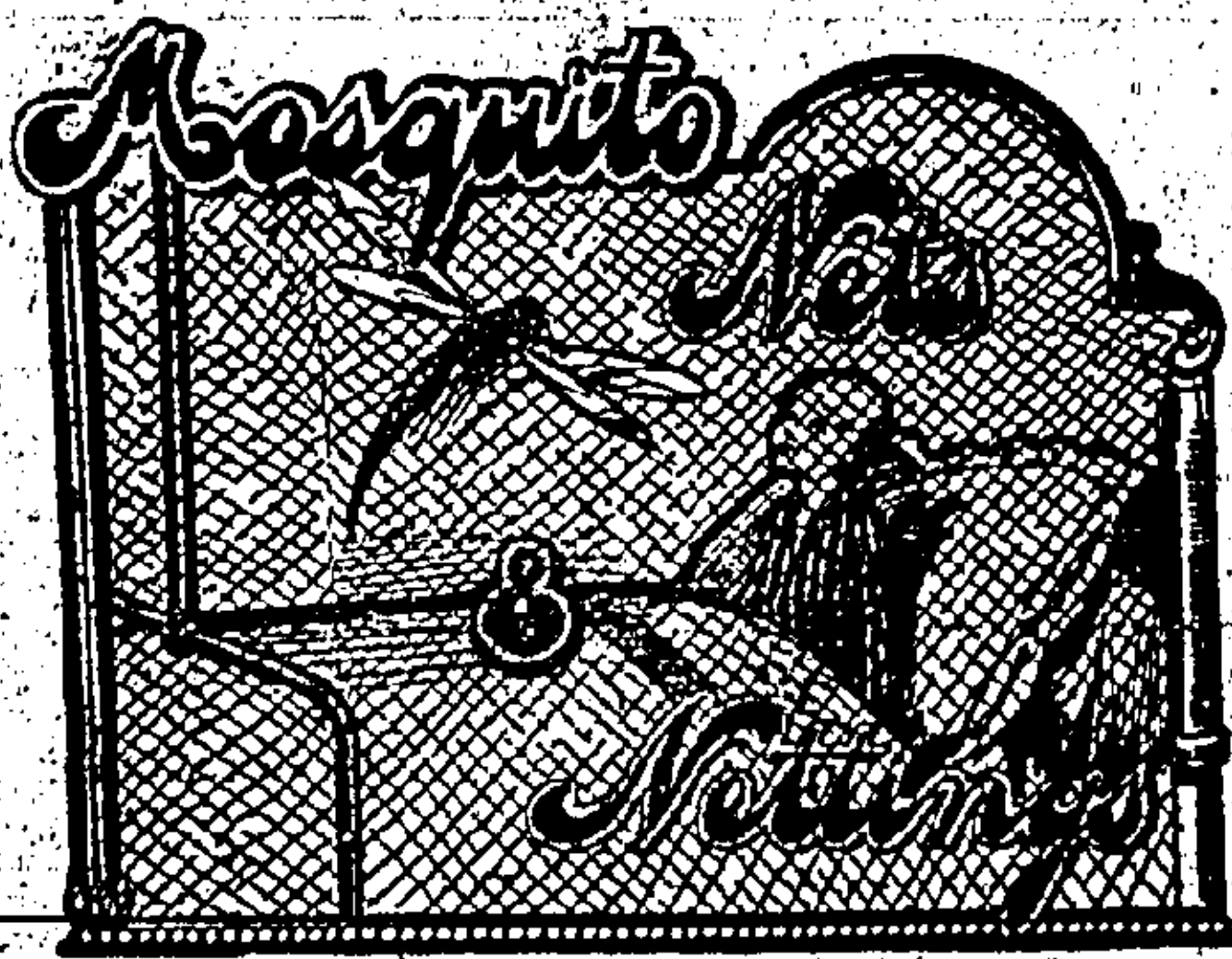
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THE STAMP DUTIES.

PROTESTS BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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GOVERNMENT LOANS SUGGESTED.

The Hongkong Chamber of Commerce held a largely attended meeting last evening to consider the proposed Stamp Ordinance of 1921. In the absence of the Chairman (the Hon. Mr. P. H. Ho), the Vice-Chairman (Mr. A. O. Lang) presided.

The following were present:—Messrs. J. M. Alves & Co. (Mr. J. M. Alves); Arculli Bros. (Mr. V. Currie); Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. H. Bell); Anderson, Meyer & Co., Ltd. (Mr. Gerald Fauvel); Banque de l'Indo-Chine (Mr. V. Harriot); Botelho Bros. (Mr. P. V. Botelho); Bradley & Co., Ltd. (Mr. J. A. Plummer); British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. B. Kennett); Butterfield & Swire (Mr. G. T. Edkins); British Borneo Timber Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. M. Lakin); Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton; Calbeck Macgregor & Co. (Mr. C. Lafrentz); Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Ltd. (Mr. J. H. Wallace); Canton Insurance Office, Ltd. (Mr. F. C. Hall); Cawajee Pallanjee & Co. (Mr. R. B. Cooper); China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. J. Cochrane); China Light and Power Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. J. Hawker); China Mutual Life Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. B. W. Tape); China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd. (Mr. H. H. Taylor); China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd. (Mr. E. B. O'Honnell); Chun On Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. T. N. Chan); Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. H. Elliott); Mr. H. A. Chitworth; S. J. David & Co., Ltd. (Mr. E. S. Abraham and Mr. O. J. Ellis); Denoon, Looker, Deacon & Harston (Mr. W. E. L. Shepton); Denny & Bowley (Mr. Bulmer Johnson); Dodwell & Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. M. Dodwell); Donnelly & Whyte (Mr. L. M. Whyte); Eastern Asiatic Co. (Mr. T. W. Hill); Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Co. (Mr. E. E. Airey); Fung Tsang (Mr. Wong Tak Kwong); General Electric Co. of China, Ltd. (Mr. A. B. Raworth); Gibb, Livingstone & Co. (Mr. A. O. Lang); Gilman & Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. Miskin); Goddard & Douglas (Mr. T. Arthur); Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. (Mr. Allan Keith); T. E. Griffith, Ltd. (Mr. R. G. Hall); A. and S. Hancock (Mr. H. Hancock); W. A. Hannibal & Co. (Mr. J. Robertson); Handelmatchappi "Transmarina" (Mr. D. H. to Welch); Hogg, Karanjia & Co., Ltd. (Mr. N. B. Karanjia); Holland Pacific Trading Co. (Mr. J. H. van Gennep Laurs); Holland China Trading Co. (Mr. A. W. van Andel); Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. (Mr. F. R. Marshall); Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. A. Piercy); Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. J. Hawker); Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen); Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. E. Roberts); Hongkong Import and China Produce and General Co. (Mr. S. E. Imani); W. G. Humphreys & Co. (Mr. E. Humphreys); J. D. Hutchison & Co. (Mr. T. E. Pearce); Mr. H. Hancock; the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook; the International Banking Corporation (Mr. Geo. Hogg); Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (Mr. D. G. M. Bernard); Johnson, Stokes & Master (Mr. C. A. Hooper and Mr. D. J. Lewis); Lane, Crawford & Co. (Mr. F. M. Crawford); Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. E. Hale); Lowe, Bingham & Matthews (Mr. A. R. Lowe); W. R. Lovley & Co. (Mr. D. C. Russell and Mr. W. L. Pattenden); Lummett Bros. (Mr. H. A. Lummett); Mr. W. Logan; Mr. Lo Chung Shui; Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd. (Mr. N. C. Wilson); J. R. Michael & Co. (Mr. Vivian Benjamin and Mr. W. E. Joseph); Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd. (Mr. W. Mizuno); Moller & Co., Ltd. (Mr. S. F. Williamson); Mustard & Co. (Mr. J. H. Scott); Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co. (Mr. P. L. Knight); Maxon & Taylor (Mr. H. Bird); Messrs. E. J. Raymond; New Zealand Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. C. V. Mark); North China Insurance Co. (Mr. L. F. Townsend); Orient Tobacco Manufacturing Co. (Mr. H. Tilling); the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock; K.C.; Reiss & Co. (Mr. W. G. Saunders); Robertson, Wilson & Co. (Mr. G. W. Sewell); Alex. Ross & Co. (Mr. A. S. D. Couland); J. M. da Rocha & Co. (Mr. A. D. Barretto); Rudolf Wolff & Kew, Ltd. (Mr. C. H. W. Kew); David Sassoon & Co., Ltd. (Mr. A. M. Bowes Smith); E. D. Sassoon & Co., Ltd. (Mr. A. S. Gubbay); Shewan, Tomes & Co. (Mr. R. Farrant); Shui On S.S. Co., Ltd. (Mr. Chan Sui Ki); H. Skott & Co. (Mr. G. E. Wetton); Soares & Co. (Mr. A. M. L. Soares); De Sousa & Co., Ltd. (Mr. E. V. M. de Sousa and Mr. E. A. Remington); Stewart Bros. (Mr. Evan Ormiston); South British Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. F. S. Harrison); Mr. F. Smyth; F. P. Talati (Mr. M. T. Talati); Union Trading Co., Ltd. (Mr. S. M. Chum and Mr. J. C. Barretto); Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. (Mr. P. Taudy); Mr. A. G. da Rocha; and the Secretary (Mr. D. K. Blair).

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen,—I must apologize for the fact that this meeting is irregular in that insufficient notice, in accordance with what is laid down in the Rules and Regulations of this Chamber, has been given. This was manifestly impossible if your views on the proposed Stamp Ordinance were to be in the possession of the Chamber's representative on the Legislative Council before the second reading, which as you are all aware, comes up on the 25th inst. As the Bill is of momentous importance to the Colony in general, it is a matter of great regret that the Government could not see its way to accede to the request for a longer postponement of the second reading, and I personally am of opinion that sufficient time has not been given to permit of the Bill being thoroughly gone into in every detail.

Your Committee, however, meet this Bill in no antagonistic spirit. It is recognised that the Government must find a means of augmenting its income, that is, if all the annual expenditure must come out of the annual revenue. But it is felt that the means suggested for the replacement, or partial replacement, of the loss in the opium revenue is open to criticism, and that criticism, if founded on reason, will receive the sympathetic consideration of Government, which, even if no respecter of any particular interest, has, I am convinced, no intention of deliberately killing the "goose that lays the golden egg."

It was felt that an opportunity should be given to the general body of members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce to express opinions which might assist your representative on the Legislative Council in resisting vexatious and harmful legislation, for undoubtedly some of the provisions in the Bill under review would, as a tendency, drive business away from the Colony and might conceivably at least in time, have the effect of reducing revenue rather than increasing it.

Before making any reference to those particular items in the Bill to which exception is taken by your Committee, I think it is perhaps pertinent to ask whether it really is necessary that expenditure of a capital nature, such as the building of roads, erection of houses for Government employees, etc., should be provided for out of revenue.

In England, as well as in the Dominions and some of the Colonies, such expenditure is provided for by raising loans, and only the interest and amortisation fund charges fall on the rates. Portership thus bears a share in the cost of development, and it appears to your Committee that the same admirable principle should apply here.—(Applause.)

THE CHIEF OBJECTIONS.

The principal provisions of the proposed Ordinance to which, as it appears to your Committee, the business man can take reasonable exception as being damaging both to his personal interests and to the Colony's prosperity are those which relate to:—

Agreement relating to sale of goods, Marine policies of insurance, Property conveyance, Bills of lading and shippers' notes, Charter parties, and Blank transfers, on which I am already in possession of expert advice.

If any member present would like to address the meeting on any of these points or has suggestions to make which will be of assistance to the Chamber and its representative, in contesting portions of this Bill, we hope he will now do so. I will now, with your permission, read certain proposed resolutions which have been prepared by your Committee and which, after hearing your views, will be put to this meeting.

THE RESOLUTIONS.

The following were the resolutions before the meeting:—
1.—That as regards the proposed Stamp Duty on Agreements for sale of goods, in view of the fact that no such similar duty has previously been imposed within the British Empire, and in view of the fact that this proposed duty will fall heavily on the European importer and will not affect anything like the same extent the Chinese dealer, and in view of the great practical difficulties which such a duty will have on the sale of goods generally in this Colony, this meeting strongly opposes the imposition of this proposed duty which will oppressively and unduly hamper the conduct of business in this Colony.

2.—That as regards the proposed taxation on policies of marine insurance other than Hull risks, this meeting is of the opinion that the taxation proposed is far greater than the business can successfully contend with and is impractical, and that unless the scale and application of the proposed duty are amended and limited to twice the present duty, marine insurance business which would otherwise be transacted in this Colony will be transacted elsewhere.

3.—That as regards the proposed increase of stamp duty on land transactions, the same will constitute an excessive burden on this important resource of this Colony and the increase should not exceed 50 per cent. of the present scale of stamp duties. That the purchasers of land in this Colony should have the option of paying the conveyance stamp duty either on the agreement of sale or on the ultimate conveyance.

4.—That as regards the increase in stamp duty proposed in respect of Bills of Lading and Shippers' Notes, this meeting is of the opinion that the stamp duty on these documents should not be increased above 25 cents, the equivalent of six pence at a two shillings dollar. Alternatively, if the 30 cents tax is maintained the rate of freight involved should be increased from \$3 to \$20.

5.—That the proposed increase of stamp duty on Charter Parties is out of all proportion to what is reasonably assessable on such documents, and that in view of the large number of Charter Parties which are concerned with routes between other ports than of Hongkong and where in such places the Charter Parties could be legitimately effected in the other ports concerned, this meeting is of the opinion that it would be to the advantage of the revenue to withdraw such duty.

6.—That this meeting is of the opinion that the stamp duty on share transfers be limited to 20 cents per \$100.
7.—That as regards Clause 29 of the proposed Ordinance, this meeting is of the opinion that this Clause should be withdrawn as being unworkable but that if it is desirable to tax share transactions the duty on share contract notes be still further increased.

MR. G. T. EDKINS.

Mr. G. T. Edkins said—I have no hesitation in supporting the spirit of Mr. Lang's remarks on the question before us, but I would like to represent, as he has, that my views are held in no antagonistic spirit to the Government. The Government must have additional revenue but I do not think they have chosen either the happiest time or appropriate means for securing it under this Stamp Ordinance.—(Applause.) I dare say, at this moment, almost every British company in this Colony, and probably the business concerns of other nationalities as well, are centring their energies on reducing costs and charges for running their businesses. That, in any case, is the position with shipping and engineering trades, not only here, but all over the world. You will have seen the Reuter telegram of a day or two ago which stated that Great Britain is suffering from the worst shipping slump in living memory, and it cannot be overlooked that this Colony is directly, as well as indirectly, connected with those concerned in that slump.

THE WRONG MOMENT.

In the midst of this commercial and shipping depression, when we want to do our best to cut down charges, we are faced with proposed taxation to increase them, and in my opinion, unduly and unnecessarily. The revenues to be derived from the new taxation which has recently been put into force, and which it is now proposed to extend to our every-day business transactions, is intended, I take it, to meet the cost in a large measure of the municipal and harbour developments of the Colony.

I thoroughly approve of all the Government is doing to develop the Colony, both on this island and at Kowloon, with reclamations, and other improvements which the natural development of the Colony calls for. Some of us think that certain roads or other works are not of immediate practical utility and there will always be differences of opinion on points of that kind; but, taken as a whole, I do not think the Colony is marching ahead of the times in these various developments. A visit to Shanghai, and a view of the rapid development that has taken place there in the spread of the settlements away from the early business sites, brings home how slow in the past has been the development of this Colony compared with that of the Shanghai settlements.

GOVERNMENT LOANS SUGGESTED.

We want more house accommodation and lower rents, and we can only get such advantages by opening up new areas away from the cities by means of roads, the cost of which we are being called upon to pay for. We want more business sites, and we can only get them by reclamations and removal of military and naval sites. I do not think we should quarrel with providing the necessary expenditure for these requirements, but I think the means should be found, as Mr. Lang has suggested, through the issue of Government Loans in the same way that Governments and municipalities all the world over issue them to meet development expenditure.—(Applause.) These loans should be repaid by special amortisation funds allocated over a period of

years. A sufficient amount of funds could be raised in this manner to meet the expenditure and the cost of up-to-date development of the Colony, and with annual amortisation provision, which could be fully met by taxation which will not unduly penalize the Colony's commerce. With the taxation proposed, business will, I believe, have to carry charges higher than those prevailing in any of the ports of the East.

I think we should, therefore, try to persuade the Government, in the reconsideration I trust they will give to this Bill, to seriously consider adopting the issue of loans to meet their expenditure, particularly where water reservoirs, roads, reclamations, and harbour improvements are in question. If they will adopt this principle I feel confident they will not need to introduce these increased levies on the conduct of business, and I would submit that it should be a radical principle of the policy of this Colony to minimize taxation charges on business transactions, to keep such taxes down to the lowest possible, and to so legislate that business transactions shall not be hampered by the compulsory making out of forms which in general practice are not used, and the absence of which simplifies and conduces to smooth running of business.

OUTSTANDING OBJECTIONS.

With regard to the various new charges proposed, so far as I have been able to scrutinize the Bill, the outstanding objections that occur to me are the application of increased taxes in the cases of Marine Insurance, Sale Notes, Charter Parties, Bills of Lading, and Blank Transfers of Securities, and in connection with these we must consider Clause 17, which reads as follows:—

17.—Every instrument executed out of the Colony by any person, not being a bill of exchange or a promissory note, shall, before being executed, used, brought into force, acted upon, or registered, within the Colony, be stamped according to the rate of duty to which it would have been liable if it had been executed in the first instance within the Colony, whether the provisions of the schedule to this Ordinance may be with regard to the time before which or the period within which such an instrument, if executed in the first instance within the Colony, should be stamped.

Taken literally this Clause has a very comprehensive effect and it would be helpful to have it cleared up as to whether it is intended to apply, for instance, to a marine insurance policy taken out in London or New York on a shipment of goods to Hongkong, the marine insurance policy of which is attached to a bank draft. Or in the event of a claim being made on an insurance company whether it is intended that such a London or New York policy must be stamped on the new scale? With regard to proposed new taxation of marine insurance policies there are insurance experts present who will enlighten us as to the effect of the proposed taxes. Personally, I honestly think the proposals as at present drafted are impracticable, and if put into effect would lead to diversion of business from the Colony.—(Applause.)

INCOME INNOVATIONS.

As regards Sale Notes for Goods, or Merchandise, with a great deal of business at present there are no Sale Notes issued, and the innovation will be irksome and obstructive to the smooth running of business—beyond the value of the revenue.

As to Charter Parties the change proposed appears to be likely to lead to loss of revenue since many Charter Parties, with routes such as Hongkong/Swallow, will probably be executed out of the Colony which is not directly concerned in the business.

It appears to me to be unnecessary to penalize Blank Transfers of Securities in many special cases such as when they are held against bona fide advances for specific purposes.

As to Bills of Lading a tax of 30 cents on \$3 freight seems to me high and again may lead to loss of revenue on the many small shipments consigned. It seems better to apply any higher charge on freight of say \$20 upwards. It does not seem wise to make the charge more than the normal home rate of 6d.

Turning to another part of the Bill, Clause 43 should have attention. It gives the collector or his delegates, who may be anybody, authority of access which provides to my mind unnecessarily wide powers to the Government to inspect private books and documents, and this I think we should urge should be amended.—(Applause.) There is no question of a warrant being necessary, no appeal to higher authority and no redress provided in the event of the power being misused. Apart from these objections I do not think the proposed measure warrants such an innovation.

With these remarks, gentlemen, I support the Chairman and beg to second the resolutions to be laid before you, with the hope that the Government will seriously consider the views of this Chamber and hesitate before unduly weighting the business of the Colony with the handicaps of the proposed Ordinance as it stands would introduce.—(Loud applause.)

STOCK EXCHANGE PROPOSALS.

Mr. H. BIRKETT: I would like to propose an amendment to Resolutions 6 and 7, on behalf of the Stock Exchange, in Resolution 6: "Twenty cents," and that the following be added to Resolution 7: "and that holders of shares be compelled to transfer same into their own names before receiving any dividends thereon." Then, Mr. POLLOCK: Just to put the matter in form, I beg to second Mr. Birkett's amendment. I should say, with regard to Clause 6, that I entirely agree that that clause, even if it were amended in the most drastic manner, would be wholly unworkable. (Applause.) It is certainly not desirable that, if any legislation is to be passed with a view to promoting registration of transfers of shares, that such legislation should be forced through under the absurd penalties in Schedule No. 41 of this Bill. That is all I have to say, except just to make one remark, if I may, by way of correction of what fell from you as to the date to which the Government adjourned the second reading. The second reading was taken at an early date because the Hon. Mr. Stephen and the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook are leaving the Colony for a time on the 28th inst. We agreed to that comparatively short adjournment because it was understood—in fact a pledge was given by the Government—that if the unofficial members should desire certain provisions of the Bill to stand over to a later date, that desire of the unofficial members would be accorded to by the Government. (Applause.)

Mr. W. B. KENNETT: Is it in order to refer to any clause not mentioned in these proposals?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

QUESTION OF PROXIES.

Mr. KENNETT: Then I would like to call attention to Clause 23.

Every letter or power of attorney for the sole purpose of appointing a proxy to vote at a meeting shall specify the day upon which the meeting is to be held, and shall be available only at the meeting so specified and any adjournment thereof.

It seems to me that the effect of that may be to prevent a general proxy being given. Now, as you know, many companies hold meetings at seven or eight days' notice and the effect of this clause would be that no shareholders out of the Colony could be represented at such meetings because no proxy can be acted upon which does not specify a date. At present there is a very general practice for a shareholder to leave a general proxy with someone. Therefore, there must be long notice of the holding of a meeting for a shareholder who is abroad to be represented. This clause means that no one can be represented at all at such meeting unless he happens to be in the Colony at the moment.

The CHAIRMAN: Later on I shall ask you to put that in the form of a resolution.

CRIMINAL LIABILITY.

Mr. KENNETT: There is one other point: Does this meeting intend to pass without comment the extraordinary change in the law which makes it a criminal offence to omit to stamp a document, whether without any intent to evade the law or anything of the sort? If you will refer to the Objects and Reasons given by the Attorney-General, it puts this very clearly.

It is intended that criminal liability shall attach to the corporate body itself in the former case, and to the person appearing to have the management in the latter case, upon mere failure to stamp in the one case and the manager in the other case, will be liable for the mere omission, apart from any question of intention to evade, or of guilty knowledge.

That seems to be a very startling innovation.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK: I quite agree with Mr. Kennett's remarks. The clause, as it stands, is in a very objectionable form.

Mr. EDKINS: I do not hesitate to support what has been said. It is inconceivable that the measure should be brought in this way. It is going to make business more and more difficult. The Bill is conceived, I submit, in the wrong spirit. (Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN: I thank Mr. Kennett for drawing your attention in such a forcible manner to this particular clause. We shall press for modification of Clause 41 of this Bill itself, together with Clause 10 of the "Objects and Reasons," if you think that will be sufficient.

THE RESOLUTIONS CARRIED.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed, one by one, the resolutions as set forth above.

Mr. J. A. PRUMMER seconded the first, Mr. F. C. HALL the second, Mr. BOWEN the third, and Mr. EDKINS the fourth and fifth.

The amendments to the sixth and seventh resolutions were accepted, Mr. BIRKETT seconding both. As amended these resolutions read:—

6.—That this meeting is of the opinion that the Stamp Duty on share transfers be limited to 15 cents per \$100.

7.—That, as regards Clause 29 of the proposed Ordinance, this meeting is of the opinion that clause should be withdrawn as being unworkable, but that, if it is desired to tax share transactions, the duty on share contract notes be still further increased, and that holders of shares be compelled to transfer same into their own names before receiving any dividends thereon.

The resolutions were carried with applause, none voting against.

Mr. W. B. KENNETT moved a further resolution regarding Clause 25, as follows:—

8.—That this meeting is of opinion that Clause 25 should be amended so as to make it clear that a shareholder may give a general proxy for use at all meetings of a company, provided that such proxy be duly stamped as an amount to be taxed by the Ordinance.

Mr. EDKINS seconded, and the resolution was carried.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

MR. A. O. LANG NOMINATED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Prior to the meeting reported elsewhere in our columns, the Chamber of Commerce met to nominate a representative to the Legislative Council during the absence of Mr. P. H. Holyoak from the Colony.

Mr. A. O. LANG (Vice-Chairman) presided. He said:—Gentlemen, this meeting has been called at the request of the Hongkong Government to nominate a member of this Chamber to serve on the Legislative Council during the absence from the Colony of the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak. As you are aware, Mr. Holyoak left the Colony yesterday, and the chair at this meeting, therefore, devolves upon me as Vice-Chairman of the Chamber.

The requisition notice has been advertised in the papers calling for nominations, and the only name put forward is my own, proposed by Mr. G. T. Edkins, seconded by the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, and supported by the Hon. Mr. Holyoak and members of this Committee.

As you are aware, the proposed Stamp Ordinance comes up for second reading on Monday, the 28th, and in order that this Chamber of Hongkong should be represented at the next meeting of the Legislative Council, and the views of members of the Chamber, regarding which a meeting will be held immediately after this meeting is over, should be laid before the Government, it is necessary that the Chamber now nominate its representative for the Council. I will now call upon the proposer and seconder to support the nomination.

Mr. G. T. EDKINS: I have much pleasure in proposing Mr. Lang as representative of this Chamber on the Legislative Council. Mr. Lang is well-known to the community as senior in a firm long associated with the business of the Colony. He is on many of the boards of companies in the Colony, Vice-Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, and he has had long experience in matters debated by the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. I have no hesitation, therefore, in recommending him to you, and I believe you will accept him as entirely fitted for this nomination. (Applause.)

I have much pleasure in proposing Mr. Lang as our representative on the Legislative Council.

Hon. Mr. A. G. STEPHEN: I have much pleasure in seconding the nomination of Mr. Lang.

At the request of the CHAIRMAN, the SECRETARY read the rules relating to voting.

The motion was carried with applause.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, I thank you exceedingly for the great honour you have done me, and although I cannot hope to emulate Mr. Holyoak in his wonderful powers of oratory, you may rest assured that I shall do my very best to protect this Chamber's interests, as well as the interests of the commercial community of this Colony during the short time which I expect to serve on the Council. (Applause.)

No one deploring Mr. Holyoak's enforced absence from the Colony at this particular time more than I do, and I am sure we all hope that his change to Japan will result in complete restoration to health. I thank you.

The special meeting, with regard to the proposed Stamp Ordinance, followed.

Mr. KENNETT proposed further:—

9.—That this meeting expresses its disagreement with the new principle involved in Clause 41 as explained in the Attorney-General's Reasons. Clause 18.

This was seconded by Mr. ORMSISTON and carried.

INQUISITORIAL POWERS.

Mr. G. M. DODWELL proposed:—

10.—That Clause 43, in its present form, is unnecessarily inquisitorial and should be redrafted in a modified form.

Mr. EDKINS seconded.

The CHAIRMAN read Clause 43, which says that, in cases in which evasion is suspected, the Collector "may enter any such premises for the purpose of inspection, and may search any such person and may inspect and take copies of any such books or account or other documents."

Mr. A. R. LOWE: Mr. Chairman, might I say that no honest person need be frightened of that clause? (Laughter.)

Mr. EDKINS: I suggest that another form might be found, that, where possible, the use of chartered accountants might be permitted. (Renewed laughter.)

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK: If the Government only dropped the objectionable clause in this Bill there would not be any necessity for such a clause at all. The resolution was carried.

THE SHARE OF POSTERITY.

Mr. ORMSISTON: Following your remarks, Mr. Chairman, I think it would be well if the Chamber passed the following resolution:—

11.—That this meeting strongly protests against permanent improvements to the Colony being paid for out of annual revenue, and maintains that a loan should be issued to cover all such permanent improvements.

Mr. W. L. PATTINSON seconded, and the resolution was carried.

The Hon. Mr. POLLOCK: The Hon. Mr. Ho Fook desires to point out that in dealing with Clause 41, Clause 48 also comes into the discussion. It is a clause which proposes to inflict a very severe penalty. I have no doubt it will be brought to the consideration of the Government in connection with Clause 41.

The CHAIRMAN: Is that not a matter you might deal with yourself in Council when the Bill comes up for second reading? That is all the business, gentlemen; thank you for your attendance.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

KOWLOON RESIDENTS AND THE GOVERNMENT.

BUILDING LOANS—MOTOR BUS SERVICE—INCREASED RENTALS—KOWLOON HOSPITAL—AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARMS.

We have received for publication the following copies of correspondence which has passed between the Kowloon Residents' Association and the Government:—

March 3rd, 1921.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that my Committee have instructed me to convey to the Government their expression of regret that the Government does not feel able in present circumstances to increase the already large amount locked up in advance for building houses.

In this connection, I am further under instruction to observe that my Committee have yet to be convinced that the large number of applicants were men of straw who had no possible security to give, and that the Government could find only one applicant for a loan who had "made a definite proposition."

I am still further authorised to express the hope that the Government at an early date will find itself in the happy position to renew its generously devised scheme of advancing loans to enable the borrowers to build dwelling-houses, and that, in the Government's allocation of any possible available resources, applications from private individuals with tangible security to offer, who have already though unsuccessfully approached the Government and those of the same category who may in future apply to the Government for financial accommodations for a similar desirable purpose will receive sympathetic consideration and satisfaction equally with any application from that group which has already been so beneficently gratified.—I have the honour to remain, sir, your obedient servant,

(Sd.) W. JACKSON, (Hon. Secretary.)

The Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd March, 1921.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of March 3rd, I am directed to inform you that the Government wherever possible is making advances of money to help building schemes which have for their object the provision of suitable dwellings for Europeans and others of varying incomes.

2.—In this connection I may mention that, in addition to what has been done already, another scheme for providing a number of small flats near the ferry pier will be completed with Government assistance probably by the end of this year while the question of helping persons to build small houses at Kowloon Tong is under consideration.

I should be glad if you would bring to my notice any application which seems to you to have been refused without sufficient grounds.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

(Sd.) CLAUD SEVERN, (Colonial Secretary.)

The Hon. Secretary, Kowloon Residents' Association.

2nd March, 1921.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that my Committee have instructed me to ask the Government what progress has been made in connection with the proposed Motor Omnibus Service in Kowloon, and also when such service may be expected to be in operation.—I have the honour to remain, etc.,

(Sd.) W. JACKSON, (Hon. Secretary.)

The Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 2nd February, 1921.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of January 21st, 1921, drawing attention to increased rentals of houses in David's Buildings, Nathan Road, I am directed to request you to furnish me a list of these houses, giving particulars of the rents payable before and after the increase in question.—I am, etc.,

(Sd.) CLAUD SEVERN, (Colonial Secretary.)

The Hon. Secretary, Kowloon Residents' Association.

26th February, 1921.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge your letter No. 1 in 2970/1919, of the 23rd of February, requesting me to furnish a list of the houses in David's Buildings, Nathan Road, Kowloon, and particulars of the rents payable before and after the proposed increase.

The houses are three in number and are composed of six flats each.

The particulars of the rents I have obtained are those of one house (six flats), being three outside flats and three inside flats, they are uniform with the other flats, and are as follows:—

No.	Tenant.	Floor.	Present Rent.	Inc. Rent.
56	Ground	80.00	80.00	
57	First	90.10	100.00	
58	Top	80.00	100.00	
59	Ground	55.00	75.00	
60	First	75.10	95.00	
61	Top	72.90	95.00	

I enclose an original letter to one of the tenants from the landlords.—I have the honour, etc.,

(Sd.) W. JACKSON, (Hon. Secretary.)

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary.

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SPORT.

INTERPORT CRICKET.

At Shanghai, Capt. E. I. M. Barrett, Dr. W. E. O'Hara and Messrs. A. W. Hayward and F. L. Wainwright have been appointed as the Selection Committee of the team to represent Shanghai in the Interport match against Hongkong.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE: OLD BOYS.

The match, Staff and Pupils of Queen's College, the Q.C.O.B.A., will take place tomorrow at 2 p.m., on the Indian Recreation Club ground at Sookampoo Valley. Teams:—

Queen's College.—R. E. O. Bird (capt.), F. J. de Rome, W. Kay, E. J. Ralston, J. S. Curran, S. A. R. Ismail, E. Nishida, A. Butt, A. H. Madar and G. A. Hyder. Reserves.—M. Y. Adal and Talok Singh.

Q.C.O.B.A.—H. H. Taylor (capt.), A. de Arculli, N. M. Bux, G. A. V. Hall, H. C. Hunt, S. A. Ismail, S. H. Ismail, Wong Po Keung, D. Rumjahn, A. A. Rumjahn and A. H. Rumjahn. Reserves: F. E. A. Remedios and Douglas Laing.

ENGINEERS AND SHIP-BUILDERS.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LOCAL INSTITUTION.

The report of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong for the year ending 31st December, 1920, shows that the membership at that date was 412. During the year 18 members resigned and 116 new members were elected, while other 33 members who have been absent for some time have not been included in the above total.

During the year 1920, Mr. J. D. Birrell (member) read a paper on Electric Traction, illustrated with lantern slides for which he was awarded a gold medal presented by the late A. G. Gordon.

During the year 59 volumes have been added to the Fiction Library at a cost of \$110.45, and 45 volumes have been presented by members. Eight volumes have been added to the Technical Library at a cost of \$42.98.

The thanks of the members are due to Mr. J. Millar for the gift of a half plate Thornton Picard Hand and Stand Camera with 2 Plate holders, 1 Rapid Rectilinear lens, viewfinder and changing bag to be raffled, the proceeds to be devoted to the purchase of books for the Library.

The result of the year's working shows a profit of \$7,842.81 against a profit for the corresponding twelve months in 1919 of \$4,033.68, being an increase of \$3,779.13.

Entrance fees and subscriptions have increased \$1,500. Bar and billiard returns show increases of \$1,933.87 and \$1,208.30 respectively. Interest account shows an increase of \$742.45 which has chiefly accrued from additional sums transferred to fixed deposit.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th March, 1921.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 26th February, I am directed to inform you that I have inspected figures showing the cost of erecting David's Buildings, Nathan Road, Kowloon, including the cost of the land when bought, and also a statement of all expenditure incurred in connection therewith.

I find that the rents paid for some years past yielded about 61 per cent. on the total cost of the buildings, while the increased rents give a net return of 8.4 per cent. The Government does not consider this return excessive, and is therefore not prepared to interfere in the matter.—I am, etc.,

(Sd.) CLAUD SEVERN, (Colonial Secretary.)

W. JACKSON, Esq., Hon. Secretary, Kowloon Residents' Association.

March 1st, 1921.

SIR,—At a recent meeting of my Committee the proposed Kowloon Hospital came up for consideration.

As a result of a lengthy discussion, I was instructed to enquire of the Government when the work in connection with the preparation of the proposed site will be commenced, and also to enquire what steps are being taken by the Government to accelerate the construction work of the proposed hospital buildings.—I have the honour, etc.,

(Sd.) W. JACKSON, (Hon. Secretary.)

The Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th March, 1921.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of March 1st, 1921, on the subject of the proposed Kowloon Hospital I am directed to refer you to the answer given to the question asked by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock at the meeting of the Legislative Council on March 3rd, 1921.—I am, etc.,

(Sd.) CLAUD SEVERN, (Colonial Secretary.)

The Hon. Secretary, Kowloon Residents' Association.

December 22nd, 1920.

SIR,—I am instructed by my Committee to enquire from the Government if it is their intention to instal automatic fire alarms connected with the Kowloon Fire Station.—I have, etc.,

(Sd.) W. JACKSON, (Hon. Secretary.)

The Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.B.E., Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th January, 1921.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of the 27th December, I am directed to state that in the light of the experience gained of the automatic fire-alarms in use in Victoria, it is not intended to instal similar apparatus in Kowloon.—I am, etc.,

(Sd.) CLAUD SEVERN, (Colonial Secretary.)

The Hon. Secretary, Kowloon Residents' Association.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.

Hongkong, April 21st, 1921. [840]

G. R.

NOTICE.

IT IS NOTIFIED for information that a CASE OF RABIES has occurred within the Eastern District of the City of Victoria. All dog owners are advised to exercise strict supervision over their dogs, and to keep them on leash in public places.

The Police have orders to enforce strictly the provisions of Section 18 of the Summary Offences Ordinance, viz:—

18.—(1) It shall be lawful for any police constable to destroy any dog or other animal reasonably suspected to be in a rabid state, or which has been bitten by any dog or animal reasonably suspected to be in a rabid state.

(2) The owner of any such dog or animal who permits the same to go at large, after having information or reasonable ground for believing it to be in a rabid state, or to have been bitten by a dog or other animal in a rabid state shall be liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding three months.

(3) It shall be lawful for any police constable to destroy any dog which is found straying or wandering about during the day-time without any owner and not wearing either a collar with the name and residence of the owner inscribed thereon or a current Licence Badge; and any such constable is hereby further authorized to destroy any dog which is found straying or wandering about between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

T. H. KING,
Acting Captain Superintendent of Police,
Hongkong, April 16th, 1921. [817]

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THE SECOND GYMKHANA is fixed for SATURDAY, MAY 7th, 1921. Draft Programmes and Entry Forms may be obtained at Race Course, Hongkong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.
Entries close WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27th, 1921 [828]

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

SUBJECT to weather conditions, the following dates have been fixed:—
FINAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
DOUBLES, SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd.

FINAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
SINGLES, MONDAY, APRIL 25th.

CHALLENGE ROUND CHAMPIONSHIP
DOUBLES, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27th.

RESERVED SEATS may now be booked at the Pavilion by Members, Subscribers and those holding "privilege tickets," except between the hours of 4.15 and 6.30 p.m.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 19th April to the 26th April, 1921, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
H. O. HOLT,
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Hongkong, April 16th, 1921.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after April 26th, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before May 11th, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hongkong, April 20th, 1921.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after April 26th, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before May 11th, or they will not be recognized.

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Hongkong, April 18th, 1921. [826]

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Goods not cleared by April 25th, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

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Hongkong, April 19th, 1921. [831]

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Goods not cleared by the 27th April, 1921, at 5 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, on 27th April, 1921, at 10 a.m. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 30 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

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Hongkong, April 20th, 1921. [832]

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND
OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the Hongkong Daily Press, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

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DEATH.

The Rev. Mother FELT profoundly regrets to inform a friends that Sister MACARIE, aged 72 years, passed peacefully away in the French Convent, at 4 o'clock, on the morning of the 21st April, 1921. [837]

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London Office: 121, FLEET STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 22ND, 1921.

POLITICAL SIGNS IN CHINA.

Our Chinese contemporary in Canton, replying to some "supercilious" comments in this column on the recent election of Dr. SUN YAT SEN as President, says:—"That President Sun does not entertain any illusions regarding the present extent of his jurisdiction is shown clearly in his address before the Members of Parliament. President Sun said Kweichow and Yunnan will support the President. The attitude of Hunan and Szechuan is extremely doubtful. Kwangsi is openly for Peking. But when the movement against the Manchus was originated, not a province was on the side of the revolutionists. Yet when the standard was raised in Wuhan, it was not long before fifteen provinces had joined the movement. The task now set before President Sun is admittedly more difficult. But the main issues remain the same. It is a contest between good government and corruption; democracy and autocracy; the right of the people against the right of a select official class. When the people of China fully realize this as they must very shortly, the provinces will come over to President Sun's side as they did in the first revolution."

There is much virtue in the "French Sister." It seems to us that "President" Sun will find it a very difficult matter to persuade the democracy of China, above all the military mandarins, that the main issues remain the same as they were in 1911. It may be that there is widespread dissatisfaction with the present Government at Peking,

but there is no evidence that the "election" of Dr. Sun Yat Sen to the Presidency of the Republic by an unrecognized "Parliament" whose unity is preserved by doles from the Canton treasury is widely recognised by the "democracy" of China as the one alternative, or even as one offering the slightest prospect of unity and peace in China. Far more likely is it that the step taken at Canton will lead to strife and disintegration. We may note, for example, that in the province of Hunan, whose attitude towards Canton is described by our Chinese contemporary as "extremely doubtful," there has been a very significant political development since Dr. Sun's "election." Hunan wants a constitution of its own, and a Commission consisting of foreign-educated Chinese has been appointed to draft it. In a proclamation to the people General CHAO says the appointment of this Commission does not mean that Hunan wants political independence; it means that "having regard to the past history of China, and the vast extent of Chinese territory, a federated united China may prove to be better than the concentration of power and authority in the hands of a single central Government either in Peking or in Canton." The Governor expresses the hope that the members of the Commission, who, he says, are familiar not only with the political history of China but with the constitutional history of foreign countries, and especially the history of the formation of the United States of America, will be able to formulate a workable federal constitution with which an experiment might be made in Hunan to serve as a guide to other provinces in China, so that in the end a federal government of the united provinces of China may be established.

Seeing that Hunan does not claim political independence, the question which suggests itself is: Who is formally to grant this Constitution when it has been framed and approved by the Provincial Assembly? Will it be referred to the National Parliament at Peking or to that which at rare intervals meets and dissolves at Canton? There is little more to be said on the subject until we know the recommendations. At the moment this development in Hunan has the appearance of merely adding to the prevailing political chaos. Under the existing constitution provincial autonomy is practically guaranteed. What only is lacking is the necessary political education among the democracy to enable full advantage to be taken of the privileges and opportunities. Until that great defect is remedied the Government of the country must continue to be an autocracy, be it labelled "republican" or anything else. Good national government in republican China can only come through the development of local self-government in the provinces. If only the provincial assemblies or legislatures of China, or a majority of them, could agree on the designation of "a fit and proper person" to fill the office of Chief Executive in the national capital we should get a better assurance of unity and stable Government in China than we can possibly get from the "election" of a President in the farcical manner in which President Sun has been "elected" to supersede the President who is functioning in Peking and who has no intention of quitting at the bidding of a small group of people in the State who have yet to prove that they "represent" anybody but themselves.

Owing to the presence of rabies in the Colony it is announced that the Dog and Poultry Show has been cancelled.

Members of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association are reminded of (1) the annual dinner to be held on Saturday, April 23rd, in the College Hall at 8 p.m., and of (2) the cricket match, which is to take place on the same day at 2 p.m., on the Indian Recreation Club ground, at Bookampoo Valley, and not on the College ground as previously advertised.—Adv.

Few Sisters of Charity are better known to the general foreign community than was Sister MACARIE, who passed away at the French Convent, yesterday morning, at the ripe age of 81. She had been in the Colony for upwards of fifty years. Few perhaps were acquainted with her name, but her great age will suggest to the reader "the little French Sister," who for so many years zealously canvassed the community for support for the Orphanage. All who knew her will regret to learn of her death.

"Miserrimus Doleful," writes inquiring whether the Government knows what worries its increased taxation add to the burden of the poor clerk.

The Ministry of Finance has issued formal orders to all Chinese printing presses in the capital prohibiting them from printing bank-notes and copper cent notes without the previous sanction of the Government. A Chinese news agency reports that, as nothing has been said about the Government printing works under the control of the Finance Ministry, the Chinese printing establishments refuse to obey the order, and intend to appeal to the High Court against it.

A Chinese News Agency circulates the following:—"With regard to the proposed cancellation of the Boxer indemnity by Great Britain for the benefit of educating Chinese students in the United Kingdom, Dr. Wellington Koo reports that the proposal is well received in educational and diplomatic circles in London; but among financial members of the British Government, opinions are divided at the moment. It appears, Dr. Koo adds, that certain officials of the Exchequer entertain the view that important British commercial interests in China should also bear a portion of the expenses for the education of Chinese students in England."

The Hongkong correspondent of the N. C. Daily News makes this comment on the increased rates and duties:—"The increase in rates is, of course, the more serious part of the proposition. If the worst comes to the worst, I suppose one can drink and smoke less without real injury to health, but a house, or some kind of dwelling place, is a necessity and accommodation is so difficult to find that rents have risen to an abnormal height and, in almost every case, rates have gone up in proportion. When property has changed hands at highly increased values it is natural that the Government assessment of the property should automatically rise, but it seems hard that the Government, which, in spite of all its threats regarding the establishment of a Fair Rents Board, has failed to do anything to save the poor tenant from exploitation, should now come along and itself add to the burdens. It is the general opinion that during such a period of congestion and inflated rentals as now, a more equitable way than the one chosen might have been devised for raising revenue."

LOCAL WEDDING.
RUXTON-D'ARCY IRVINE.

A wedding of interest in naval circles was solemnised at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon, when Mr. Gerald Hay Ruxton, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, and throughout the war in the submarine service, was married to Miss Mona D'Arcy-Irvine, eldest daughter of Archibald G. A. D'Arcy Irvine, of Cumberland and Sydney, New South Wales. The bridegroom is the second son of the late Rev. F. H. Ruxton, Rector of Well, Yorkshire. The Rev. Gordon W. B. Stott, B.N., and the Rev. B. J. Pim, R.N., were the officiating clergy. The service was fully choral.

The bride, who was tastefully attired in white, with a black lace hat, was given away by Capt. C. S. Benning. The bridesmaid was Miss Olive Dalzell. Lt. Malleon, V.C., of H.M.S. Submarine L19, acted as best man.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Hongkong Hotel. The guests included, in addition to those who had taken part in the ceremony: Commander Candler of H.M.S. Titania, and Mrs. Candler, Commander Brady, of H.M.S. Porpoise, Engineer-Lieut. Commander Jackson, of the Titania Submarine Depot, Capt. H. Douglas, Mrs. Day, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, Mr. Martin, Lt. Thompson, Lt. Blood, Lt. Oarrie, Lt. Lt. O'Callaghan. The health of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by Capt. C. S. Benning.

The honeymoon is being spent at Repulse Bay.

Triad Society Dispute.
PARTISANS SEVERELY INJURED.

Two Chinese were brought to the Central Police Station yesterday afternoon suffering from such serious injuries that they were sent on by ambulance, forthwith, to the Government Civil Hospital. They were members of rival Triad Societies and they had stabbed one another in pursuance of a feud. One was injured chiefly in the head; the other was so severely wounded in the body that it was considered advisable to take his depositions.

CABLES

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MINERS' STRIKE.
MINERS LOOK ASKANCE AT
OWNERS' OFFER.

LONDON, April 21st.

Though the coal-owners and miners have not yet met again, they are conducting a protracted discussion in the Press.

While the miners declare that the owners' offer marks no advance on their previous offers, and does not meet the demand for a national pool or levy, which the miners, apparently, are in no way inclined to relinquish, the owners have published a statement, declaring that the levy on tonnage is essentially the same as the profits pool, involving Government control and discouraging enterprise.

EARLIER CABLES.

ATTITUDE OF SOUTH WALES.

LONDON, April 20th.

The prospect of the Miners' Executive modifying their present demands has not been encouraged by the majority of the decisions hitherto published from various districts. One of the most important occurred at Cardiff to-day, when a full delegates' conference of the South Wales Miners' Federation reaffirmed its previous resolutions insisting upon a national wage agreement and a profits pool, demanded rescission of the resolution of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain permitting safety work in the mines, and requested the resignation of Mr. Hodges.

FEDERATION FIRM.

Replying to the owners' new proposals, the Miners' Federation declare that the offer, merely re-formulates previous proposals, and is vague and meaningless. The Federation reiterates its demand for a national wage board and a national levy on tonnage.

BOLSHAVIST PROPAGANDA IN
BRITISH ISLES.MONTHLY EXPENDITURE OF
£23,000.

LONDON, April 20th.

In the House of Commons, Major Sir J. H. Baird, on behalf of Mr. Shortt, stated that the Government was paying attention to Bolshavist propaganda in Great Britain. It fell under three heads—payment of salaries to Communist officials of £5 to £10 weekly; subsidies to the extremist Press; and free distribution of revolutionary literature. He believed this expenditure amounted to at least £23,000 monthly. There was evidence that some funds came from Moscow before the trade agreement was signed. Communist agents had undoubtedly been attempting to exploit the unemployed, whose unofficial committees in many industrial centres are chiefly carried on by paid Red agents, whose policy is to concentrate upon centres of industrial unrest. Much mischievous propaganda has been undertaken by persons who contrive to keep within the law, but the police are able to deal with some instances.

FOVARGUE MYSTERY.
JURY RECEIVE THREATENING
LETTERS.

LONDON, April 20th.

The inquest on the case mentioned in a message of the 5th inst. leaves unsolved the mystery of who murdered Fovargue, despite the greatest police efforts to solve the crime. The theory is that it was a Sinn Fein crime, the victim being shot after leaving a dance at Fulham and the body conveyed to Ashford golf links in a motor-car. A sinister feature of the inquest was that seven jurymen received letters threatening that there would be bereavements in their families if a certain verdict was returned. The verdict given by the jury was, "Murdered by some person unknown."

SINN FEIN PROCLAMATION.

LONDON, April 20th.

Sinn Feiners have issued a proclamation forbidding citizens of the Irish Republic to leave Ireland without permission and prohibiting shipping and emigration agents from accepting money or issuing tickets therefor. Serious penalties for infringement are threatened.

LATEST CABLES.

UNITED STATES LABOUR
UNREST.SEAMEN'S UNION THREATEN
GENERAL STRIKE.

New York, April 21st.

The industrial troubles, which have recently become more threatening on account of wage reductions, are likely to come to a head as a result of the American Shipowners' Association giving notice of a 25 per cent. reduction in wages from May 1st, to which the Seamen's Union has replied with a threat of strike on the Atlantic and the Pacific sides, simultaneously.

CRICKET BOARD CONTROL.
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP SCORING.

LONDON, April 21st.

The Cricket Board Control has decided that scoring in the County Championship will be 5 points for win, completed match; and 3 points for a first innings victory, uncompleted match, the loser in the latter case securing one point.

GERMAN REPARATIONS.

GERMANY'S HOPELESS SEARCH.

PARIS, April 19th.

According to the latest report, Germany seemingly gave up attempts to find a mediator, in view of the cold reception it met with in her tentative enquiries at Washington, Brussels, Bern and Prague.

The Allies are expected, very shortly, to receive direct proposals, which are said to be almost identical with those submitted at the London Conference in March last.

Rumours of an impending meeting of the Allied Supreme Council at a place on the British or French coast are taking shape.—Havas.

FRENCH ESTIMATE OF RUHR
COAL OUTPUT.

PARIS, April 21st.

A forecast states that French mining engineers will supervise the Germans in getting and distributing coal in the Ruhr area, and it is estimated that the output, then, will exceed 75 per cent. of the previous output of 250,000,000 tons annually. It is estimated that these new measures and the establishment of Customs on the eastern frontier of the occupied territory will yield between 3 to 5 milliards gold marks annually. The new Customs regime on the Rhine came into operation last night. There was the smallest delay caused to passengers.

EARLIER CABLES.

FURTHER FRENCH PROPOSALS.

PARIS, April 21st.

A forecast of France's proposals for penalties in the event of Germany's default on May 1st includes a tax of 50 to 70 francs per ton on coal mined in the Ruhr region, a tax on exports, and the seizure of a proportion of shares in industrial concerns.

COLOMBIA TREATY RATIFIED

WASHINGTON, April 20th.

The Senate has ratified the Colombia Treaty, which provides for the cession of the Panama Canal Zone to the United States.

SHIPBUILDING TRADE
WAGES.AGREEMENT REGARDING
REDUCTION.

LONDON, April 20th.

The shipbuilding employers and the shipbuilding Trade Union have reached an agreement whereby wages are to be reduced by 3/- per week from May 1st and a further 30/- on May 30th.

THE GUINEAS.

GOVERNMENT SANCTION.

LONDON, April 20th.

The Government has sanctioned the running of the Thousand and Two Thousand Guinea Races at Newmarket, both on April 29th.

SILVER MARKET.

AMERICA UNWILLING TO SELL,
CHINA INCLINED TO BUY.

LONDON, April 20th.

America is unwilling to sell silver. On the Continent it was not offered. China is inclined to buy. Speculative buying has contributed to a rise. This has kept India out of the market.

FAR EASTERN CABLE
NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CHINESE SPECIAL ENVOY TO
BRITAIN.

LONDON, April 20th.

Chu Chih-chen, the Special Envoy from China, will shortly arrive in England on an official mission, and will present the King with letters from the President of China.

RECEPTION BY FRENCH PREMIER.

PARIS, April 19th.

The French Premier received, in private audience, Chou Chi-chien, the Chinese President's Special Envoy to France.—Havas.

PRESIDENT MILLERAND ENTERTAINS MISSION.

PARIS, April 19th.

M. Millerand gave a dinner in honour of members of the Chinese Mission, who have just arrived in Paris, with the former Premier Chou Chi-chien. M. Doumer, M. Sarraut and M. Painleve were present.—Havas.

FAR EASTERN MAILS DAMAGED.

LONDON, April 21st.

The General Post Office announces that portions of the Indian and the Far Eastern mail arriving in London on April 20th have been seriously damaged by a gale in the Mediterranean. The larger portion of the mail will be delivered, but some addresses are indecipherable.

"A BUTTERFLY ON THE
WHEEL."LAST NIGHT'S PLAY AT THE
THEATRE ROYAL.

"A Butterfly on the Wheel," the comedy presented by the H. B. Waring Company at the Theatre Royal last night, is from the pen of Mr. E. C. Hemmings, A.C., and is precisely the kind of play that one would expect from an experienced counsellor-at-law. It unfolds a tense chapter in the lives of a Cabinet Minister and his light-hearted young wife, who spends much of the ample leisure which her husband's Parliamentary duties leaves her in the society of an ardent admirer. Under the mistaken impression that his passion is reciprocated, this admirer contrives that they shall miss the train by which they are to travel with a couple of friends to Switzerland and spend the night, as though by chance, in adjoining rooms in a Paris hotel. The wife's innocence is made evident in the scene which follows, but when the husband, who has been warned of the plot by an anonymous letter, arrives in the morning the situation appears to admit of only one construction. Divorce proceedings are instituted and the most dramatic scene in the play is that, in which the wife is seen undergoing a pitiless cross-examination in the witness-box. The most damning fact against her is the anonymous letter showing that the sojourn in Paris was pre-arranged, and not, as she honestly believes, the result of an accident. Before the case closes, however, the co-respondent is able to write a confession of authorship from a lady of fashion, who has long been jealous of the wife. From this necessarily sketchy outline it will be realised that the play is one of absorbing human interest, with many highly dramatic situations. It was enacted in a manner that left nothing to be desired. The burden fell on Miss Jeannette Sherwin as "Peggy Adamson"—the butterfly who, though sorely bruised, was not broken on the wheel. An emotional actress of great talent, she proved fully equal to the exacting task imposed upon her. As her admirer, "Roderick Collingwood," Mr. Charles Quartermaine played the part of an ardent lover with all the necessary fervour. All the minor characters were in capable hands, conspicuous amongst them being that of "Sir Robert Effe, K.C., M.P." leading counsel for the petitioner (Mr. Wordley Hulke).

CAUSE OF THE "YANKEE TWANG."

Dr. Eugene Howe, Professor of Hygiene at Wellesley College (Massachusetts), has started his class of girls (says the New York Herald), by declaring that New England's traditional "Yankee Twang" is due mostly to laziness of the jaw exercise, but to an unaccountable failure to let the lower jaw fall far enough in articulating.

A "BRITISH LEGION" FOR
CHINA.AN ORGANISATION OF BRITONS
WHO SERVED IN THE WAR.

YESTERDAY'S MEETING.

Over 200 ex-Service men attended the meeting, convened by Major-General Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, K.C.M.G., K.C.S.I., which was held in the R.A. Theatre, Victoria Barracks, yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of discussing the formation of an ex-Service organisation.

At the outset Major-General Kirkpatrick apologised for the unavoidable postponement of the meeting, which had been called for the previous Friday, and then proceeded briefly to explain the purpose of the gathering. "Since I have been in Hongkong," the General said, "I have felt very much that there is a need for an organisation of those Britons who served in the War and are now in civil life in Hongkong." It would, he continued, be a great pity if the memory of their common experiences, their strenuous times together, and their glorious success was allowed to grow dim, especially in a far-away part of the world like this, where they were a small body of Britons confronting unknown contingencies which no man could foretell. Major-General Kirkpatrick went on to speak of the British Legion, a combination of ex-Service organisations whose name seemed to him to express very well their needs and aspirations in a place like Hongkong. He had asked them to come there that afternoon so that they might, if they thought fit, organise themselves in some such fashion here.

They had as their first object, the General said, the continuance of their comradeship, and another great purpose was that of mutual help. It would mean as well that they would be able to keep in touch with each other by social gatherings and, as at home, the organisation should be absolutely non-political, non-sectarian and democratic right through. It should be open to all who served their King and country and to all who, through that service, had earned their country's gratitude and now desired to keep alive the associations and recollections of the time when they were serving together in their country's cause. He hoped that the proposal would commend itself to them and that they would be able to take the first steps towards the formation of such an organisation that afternoon.—(Applause).

Brig.-Gen. E. B. Macnaughten said that the General Officer Commanding had explained fully to the meeting the idea of forming a branch of the British Legion in Hongkong and throughout China, and he had much pleasure in proposing that the League be formed.

Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird seconded. The motion on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

A member proposed that the committee should take steps to prevent any secret recruiting of labourers for that country such as has been proceeding of late.

THE COMMITTEE.

The next business was to elect a committee. Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird said that the following gentlemen he had spoken to were prepared to serve on the committee and do their best to further the aims of the Association:—Brig.-Gen. Macnaughten, Major Cassel, Messrs. Hill, Brayfield, Cole, Hall, Leaper, James, Young, Holmes, Hawker, Bell-Irving, Murdoch, Dr. Black, Dr. Allan and Police Sergeant Booker.

The General Officer Commanding said that the committee would have the power to form an executive and appoint a Secretary and, if necessary, to call up additional members. If the meeting did not have further names to suggest, he would propose those read out by Col. Bird en bloc.

Brig.-Gen. Macnaughten seconded, and the motion was carried nem-con.

On the invitation of the General Officer Commanding all present then filled their membership forms and handed them in.

A member called attention to the fact that Col. Bird's name was not included in the committee. He said it could not be complete without the Colonel serving on it.

The General Officer Commanding said that Col. Bird's name should be taken for granted; it was modesty which prompted him not to include himself in the list.

Col. Bird expressed his willingness to serve, and his name was included in the committee.

SMALL BODY OF RESERVES. Addressing the meeting, Brigadier-General Macnaughten said that many of those present could not join the volunteers either because they were busy or for various other reasons, but in case of emergency, they could be of use to the General or the Police, and he proposed that those who wished to band together to form a small body of reserves for that purpose should have rifles and handlooms issued to them but provide their own ammunition. Given a meeting place in case of emergency, they would be of great help. Another suggestion he would like to put forward was that they formed themselves into a corps of reserve officers. Such a corps would be of material help in case of a general mobilisation, when its members could be used to fill the gaps of regular officers who might be moved about.

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CORRESPONDENCE.
COOLIE EMIGRATION FROM
CHINA.[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HONGKONG
DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—With reference to your leader on "Coolie Emigration from China," although, as therein stated, a large number of Chinese coolies have proceeded to my country, I beg to inform you that I, personally, during my tenure of office since August 3rd, 1920, have not visited any passport or issued any permits of any description.

Thanking you for the courtesy.—Yours, etc.,

M. HARRINGTON.

Consul for Cuba.
Hongkong, April 21st, 1921.A QUESTION FOR THE LEAGUE OF
NATIONS.

In connection with this question which formed the subject of our leading article yesterday, the Asiatic News Agency says:

The Government at Peking has wired to Dr. Wellington Koo, who is now in Paris for the opening of the League Conference, instructing him to introduce into the Conference the subject of prohibiting the enlistment of workers or labourers. China contends that, even at the present time, there are clandestine labour offices in Hongkong, Macao and in foreign colonies in the South Pacific Islands, which are still engaged in an illegal and inhuman trade in Chinese labourers for foreign industries, and that generally ignorant Chinese labourers of Kwangtung, Fukien and other coastal provinces of China are induced by agents of the clandestine labour offices to emigrate without the knowledge or consent of the Chinese Government. For the sake of humanity, the Government suggests that the proper procedure adopted by the British and the French Governments in the enlistment of Chinese coolies during the war should be followed by the Powers, if any of them want Chinese labour for industrial purposes, and that joint efforts should be made for the suppression of illegal labour offices and agents. This is the only bill China proposes to introduce into the League Conference for discussion at this meeting.

CHINESE LABOUR IN CUBA.

According to the China Times the local Commissioner for Foreign Affairs has circulated various districts in the province on the subject of the recruitment of Chinese labour for Cuba. The circular points out that owing to industrial conditions in Cuba more than 10,000 labourers have been thrown out of work, and that if more Chinese are allowed to proceed there, anti-Chinese feeling may result. Accordingly all authorities are counselled to take steps to prevent any secret recruiting of labourers for that country such as has been proceeding of late.

The General Officer Commanding said that his point of view with regard to the offer of help in case of emergency was that it would be of great assistance, but the suggestion of issuing arms was one which had to be carefully considered and must be put before higher authorities.

He suggested that the matter could be held over until the Association had had its rules drawn up; then the suggestion could be brought forward and the pros and cons thoroughly discussed. It was possible that the meeting would like a rifle club, but such a club could not give the training one received in that excellent body, the H.K.V.D.C., and nothing should be undertaken by them which would impair the recruiting for the corps. The second suggestion, the General said, was after his own heart, and it need not be confined to those who held His Majesty's commission. It would be a democratic body with certain qualifications and all could apply for enrolment in the body who had those qualifications. The Association's Executive could discuss the matter with him later. The General also said that the headquarters of the South China Command would give the Committee and Executive what help it could willingly and to the fullest extent.—(Applause).

The General added that he would be going to North China to inspect his small command at various places in about two weeks' time, and if by then—as he hoped—the Association was fully developed he would be able to tell members of various bodies of men like themselves there of what the ex-Service men here had done.—(Applause).

Admiral Sir Alexander Duff, K.C.B., said that he gave him much pleasure to propose a vote of thanks to the General Officer Commanding for calling the meeting and so ably conducting it. He thought it was fitting that this vote of thanks should come from the Navy which was not largely represented at the meeting. Still, they were sister services and the co-operation between them during the war had been surprisingly successful and cordial, which was as it ought to be. The Association they had just formed was a great deal to keep together in a place like Hongkong.—(Applause).

General Sir George Kirkpatrick, having expressed his thanks for the prompt way his invitation had been accepted and the cordial reception his proposals had received, the meeting terminated.

THE S.S. "GOLDEN STATE"

The big liner *Golden State*, lying in mid-stream off Blake Pier, was thrown open to public inspection yesterday afternoon, and many residents accepted the invitation given to the public by the Pacific Mail Co. who are the Managing Agents of the vessel for the United States Shipping Board. With ships of this size coming out the run there should be no difficulty in meeting the demand for passages across the Pacific. The *Golden State* is the first of the five steamers of the "335" type assigned to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. The others, the *Empire State*, *Palmetto State*, *Loosier State* and *Lane Star State*, will follow upon completion of construction and will be operated by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company in their service from San Francisco to Hongkong and Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Shanghai and Manila.

The *Golden State* is 335 ft. in length, with a beam of 72 feet. She is of 21,167 tons displacement and has a regular speed of 17 knots and is capable of doing 20 knots in an emergency.

Her accommodation provides for 250 first class and 300 steerage passengers. No expense has been spared in the construction of the *Golden State*, and passengers are assured of every comfort in both way and room. Cabin staterooms spring beds, private bunks and shower-baths. Her cargo capacity is 11,000 tons and she is equipped with all the latest gear for efficient and speedy handling of freight.

THE PREVALENCE OF RABIES.
RESTRICTIONS ON THE MOVEMENT
OF DOGS.

The following notification was published yesterday by a Government Gazette Extraordinary:—

Regulations made by the Officer Administering the Government in Council under section 6 of the Dogs Ordinance, 1893, Ordinance No. 5 of 1893, this 21st day of April, 1921:

1.—Except with the permission in writing of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon the removal of any dog from any one of the following districts into any other district is prohibited:—

(a) The island of Hongkong.

(b) Kowloon and New Kowloon.

(c) All other parts of the Colony.

2.—Until further notice no dogs brought from any part of China will be permitted to land in the Colony without the consent in writing of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon.

THE FOREIGN POSTAL
AGENCIES IN CHINA.

A PRELIMINARY REPORT.

A report has been in circulation that the foreign post offices in China, with the exception of the Japanese post offices, will shortly be abolished. This report, says the Asiatic News Agency, is premature. But following on the decision of the last International Communication Conference in Spain, the Government has issued instructions to the Chinese representative to continue, in spite of the opposition of the Japanese representative, to demand the early withdrawal of foreign post office within her territory, because China's own post office are competent to handle all mails.

A JAPANESE KILLED IN
HUNAN.\$50,000 COMPENSATION
DEMANDED.

The Asiatic News Agency states that General Chao, Commander-in-Chief of the Hunan Army, has sent to the provincial assembly of Hunan a claim for compensation for the killing of a Japanese subject named "Tatsui" on board a Japanese steamer at Hsiangtan by a Hunan soldier in June last year. The despatch states that an official note has been received from the Japanese Consul at Changsha stating that, under instructions from his Government, in addition to the making of an apology to the Japanese Government, and giving an assurance of the protection of Japanese subjects in Hunan and the non-repetition of similar incidents in the future, the Japanese Government demands that the Provincial Government of Hunan shall pay to the relatives of the deceased Tatsui the sum of \$50,000. After repeated negotiations between the Japanese Consul and the Foreign Commissioner in Changsha, the Consul agreed to reduce the claim by \$5,000, and now demands the immediate payment of \$45,000. The Japanese contention is that as the deceased, as an employee on board the steamer usually received more than one hundred dollars per month, therefore, for a period of thirty years, the amount would run up to more than fifty thousand dollars. General Chao regards the demand of the Japanese Consul as excessive because there was no reason for a Japanese or any other foreigner to place himself in personal danger in Hsiangtan which had been declared to be a "military precautionary area." The deceased carried no passport with him. General Chao asks the members of the provincial assembly to give their opinions on the question, because he is reluctant to decide upon the claim without the previous approval of the legislature.

SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS.

April 29th.
Caddopack, American str., 1,780 tons, Capt. C. H. Genereux, from Swatow, with a general cargo.—Pacific Mail S.S. Co.
Demodocus, British str., 1,183 tons, Capt. T. B. Evans, from Liverpool and Singapore, with a general cargo.—B. & S.
Devonport, French str., 370 tons, Capt. E. A. (Beconi), from Haiphong and Hoihow, with a general cargo.—Kai Yee.
Hoihow, British str., 380 tons, Capt. Pringle, from Hongkong, with coal.—B. & S.
Peking Maru, Japanese str., 1,088 tons, Capt. Yoshida, from Canton, with a general cargo.—N.Y.K.
 April 21st.
Amakusa Maru, Japanese str., 2,350 tons, Capt. T. Harada, from Keelung, with coal and tea.—O.S.K.
Haikang, British str., 1,300 tons, Capt. G. Holmwood, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—J.M. & Co.
Kwai Nau, British str., 1,455 tons, Capt. L. McHassay, from Kobe, with a general cargo.—J.M. & Co.
Mohon, Chinese str., 761 tons, Capt. A. Cornelissen, from Haiphong and Hoihow, with coal and rice.—Tung Tak S.S. Co.
Nichiren Maru, Japanese str., 1,188 tons, Capt. K. Funakoshi, from Canton, with a general cargo.—N.Y.K.
Shun Ching, Chinese str., 235 tons, Capt. Leung Sam Kung, from K. C. Wan, with a general cargo.—Wai Yee.
Suiyang, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. W. Shane, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo.—B. & S.
Tagu Maru, Japanese str., 1,477 tons, Capt. T. Nakamura, from Shanghai and Nankin, with coal.—Y. Sato & Co.
Tientsin, British str., 1,227 tons, Capt. Carver, from Canton.—B. & S.

CLEARANCES.

April 21st.
Bungay Maru, for Keelung.
Chipping, for Canton.
Chung Hing, for Swatow.
Clara, for Tarakan.
Crosskey, for Kobe.
Delight, for Kobe.
Ebunui, for Balik Papan.
Hongkong, for Canton.
Hongkong, for K. C. Wan.
Hori Maru, for Chingwantao.
Kuhurui, for Kobe.
Kaseng, for Shanghai.
Kanung, for Shanghai.
Nichiren Maru, for Hongkong.
Peking Maru, for Shanghai.
Phonung, for Saigon.
Shun Ching, for Swatow.
Suiyang, for Swatow.
Tagu Maru, for Canton.
Tientsin, for Shanghai.
Yuhui, for Swatow.
Yei Maru, for Hongkong.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.
 Per s.s. *Nile*, for San Francisco, via Shanghai and Japan ports:—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Motely, Miss Stogden, Miss Brooks, Miss Whitehead, Mrs. G. Sauer, Miss N. Taylor, Miss J. Humphreys, Miss W. Lamont, Miss A. Anderson, Miss W. Anderson, Mr. R. Kemp, Mr. P. O'Connor, Mrs. C. E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. Edwards, Mrs. A. Loggery, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Moore, Mr. L. E. Ensign, Mr. C. H. Purcell, Mr. G. G. Hacke, Mr. P. J. Score, Mr. M. G. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Benson, Mr. L. Hodgson, Mr. M. B. Vitally, Mr. J. W. Andrews, Mr. W. S. Jones, Mr. C. R. McMullin, Mr. C. Campbell-Orde, Mrs. Madier, Mr. R. D. Wilson, Mr. E. W. Powers, Mr. W. Church.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Malacca Maru* (Calcutta line) left Singapore for this port on April 29th, and is expected here on April 29th.
 The s.s. *Bolton Castle* (Doddwell & Co., Ltd., Agents), from China and the Straits for New York, left Boston, arrived at Boston on April 15th.
 The s.s. *Bowen Castle* (Barber line), which left New York on March 28th for Hongkong, via ports, arrived at Yokohama on April 20th.
 The s.s. *Egmont Castle*, which left Hongkong for New York, via Suez, left Manila for Singapore on April 20th.
 The s.s. *Hesperus* (Blue Funnel line) left Shanghai on the 21st instant for London, Rotterdam and Hamburg via Hongkong. The vessel is due here on the 24th inst., and will sail on the 25th inst.

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 S.S. "SAMARANG MARU" ... End of May.

FOR JAPAN.

Ports of call:—Mojji, Kobe and Yokohama.

S.S. "SAMARANG MARU" ... sailing on or about 20th April.
 S.S. "BORNEO MARU" ... sailing on or about 8th May.

For further particulars please apply to:—

K. SUZUKI, Manager,
 No. 5, Queen's Road Central.
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VESSELS EXPECTED.

Atsuta Maru (N.Y.K.), due April 29th.
Aus Maru (N.Y.K.), due April 29th.
Bender ("Bon P. Line"), due April 23rd.
Dover Castle (Barber line), Doddwell & Co., agents, from New York, due May 12th.
Sergades (Blue Funnel), due April 29th.
Victor (Blue Funnel), due May 1st.
Luaba Maru (N.Y.K.), from Japan, due April 29th.
Kaga Maru (N.Y.K.), from London for this port, due May 25th.
Malacca Maru (N.Y.K.), from Calcutta, due April 29th.
Madison (Blue Funnel), due May 8th.
Shitutsu Maru (N.Y.K.), due May 13th.
Wakasa Maru (N.Y.K.), from Japan, due April 29th.
Wenatchee (Admiral line), due May 1st.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying in the Great Northern Telegraph Company's office at Hongkong:—

ADDRESSES FROM:
 Rob. John, Hongkong Hotel Shanghai
 Paladium ... Kobe
 Heid, Hongkong Club (4) ... Kobe
 Philabank ... Shanghai
 Gendank ... Osaka
 Soken ... Omata
 Young Size Ego, 84 Hollywood Road ... Amoy
 Thong Yak ... Shanghai
 See Ewe Song ... Amoy
 Man Woo ... Shanghai
 Yen Ching Tai ... Shanghai
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 Connaught Road, C. ... Shanghai
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The following is a list of unclaimed telegrams, lying in the Eastern Extension, Australasia and China Telegraph Company's office at Hongkong:—

ADDRESSES FROM:
 Gresson Company, ... Macao
 Somerset, care Aibus ... Singapore

WEATHER REPORT.

April 21st, at 11:32.—Pressure has again decreased slightly at all reporting stations; the anti-cyclone continues to move eastward. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 5.84 inches against an average of 5.60 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

DISTRICT FORECAST.
 Hongkong to Gap Rock ... E. & S.E. winds, moderate; fair.
 Formosa Channel ... The same as No. 1.
 South coast of China between the same as Hongkong and Lamook ... No. 1.
 South coast of China between the same as Hongkong and Hainan ... No. 1.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, April 21st.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 3 p.m.
Barometer	29.96	29.83	29.92
Temperature	79	70	74
Humidity	75	89	75
Wind Direction	East	East	East
Force	2	3	3
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0	0	0

Highest open-air temperature on 20th ... 74

Lowest open-air temperature on 21st ... 70

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From April 22nd to 28th, 1921.

Days of Week or Month	Days of Month	H'kong Standard Time	Height	H'kong Standard Time	Height	Days of Week or Month	Days of Month	H'kong Standard Time	Height
Fri.	22	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.	Sat.	23	h. m.	ft. in.
		10 17	6 6	3 43	1 2			10 17	6 6
Sat.	23	11 17	6 6	3 31	1 2	Sun.	24	11 17	6 6
		11 17	6 6	3 31	1 2			11 17	6 6
Sun.	24	12 17	6 6	3 31	1 2	Mon.	25	12 17	6 6
		12 17	6 6	3 31	1 2			12 17	6 6
Mon.	25	10 17	6 6	3 31	1 2	Tue.	26	10 17	6 6
		10 17	6 6	3 31	1 2			10 17	6 6
Tue.	26	11 17	6 6	3 31	1 2	Wed.	27	11 17	6 6
		11 17	6 6	3 31	1 2			11 17	6 6
Wed.	27	12 17	6 6	3 31	1 2	Thur.	28	12 17	6 6
		12 17	6 6	3 31	1 2			12 17	6 6
Thur.	28	1 17	6 6	3 31	1 2			1 17	6 6
		1 17	6 6	3 31	1 2			1 17	6 6

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SAILINGS

HONGKONG TO VANCOUVER

Steamers	From Hongkong	Due Vancouver
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Apr. 28	May 16
EMPEROR OF JAPAN	May 17	June 7
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 26	June 13
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 14	July 8
EMPEROR OF JAPAN	June 23	July 11
EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 7	July 29
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	July 21	Aug. 8
EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Aug. 18	Sept. 5
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Aug. 23	Sept. 16
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Sept. 20	Oct. 11

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St. George's Building.

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"THE PATHWAY OF THE SUN"

STEAMERS	TONS	LEAVE HONGKONG
SHINTO MARU	22,000	April 27th
EMPERIA MARU	9,000	May 14th
TATTO MARU	22,000	May 21st
SIBERIA MARU	20,000	June 10th
TRITO MARU	22,000	June 21st
KOREA MARU	20,000	July 1st

† Calling at Dairen instead of Nagasaki. ‡ Omitting Shanghai.

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STEAMERS	TONS	LEAVE HONGKONG
SHINTO MARU	14,000	May 18th
BAIKYO MARU	17,500	June 10th
OROYO MARU	—	July 11th

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Y. TSUTSUMI, Manager

King's Building.

Tel. Nos. 2274 & 2275

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SAILING FROM

HONGKONG for SAN FRANCISCO

via Shanghai, Japan Ports and Honolulu

S.S. "CHINA"	S.S. "NANKING"	S.S. "NILE"
May 18th	June 15th	April 21st

SAILING FROM

HONGKONG for MANILA

S.S. "NANKING"	June 4th
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SAILING FROM

HONGKONG for SINGAPORE

S.S. "CHINA"	S.S. "NILE"
April 30th	June 25th

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TJILIWONG	JAVA	28th Apr.	3rd May	SHANGHAI
TJIKINI	JAVA	8th May	11th May	SHANGHAI
TJILEBOET	JAVA	8th May	12th May	JAPAN
TJISONDARI	SAN FRANCISCO	8th May	12th May	JAVA

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"DEVANHA"	8,000	27th April	London & Antwerp
"DILWARA"	8,375	9th May	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
"NAGOYA"	7,000	13th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"PLASSY"	7,345	11th June	do.
"DELTA"	8,000	24th June	do.

BRITISH INDIA - APCAR SAILINGS (South)

"JAPAN" ... 6,000 ... 18th May ... Calcutta via S'pore, Pango & Rangoon

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"KANOWNA"	7,000	5th May	Sandakan, Thursday Island
"ST. ALBANS"	5,000	25th May	Towansville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne

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"SUMATRA MARU" ... Tuesday, 31st May.

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MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION STEAMER & DEPARTURE SAILING DATE

SHANGHAI, KOREA & { "ANDRE LEBON" 20,000 ... On or about 27th April.

YOKOHAMA ... { "AMAZONE" ... 11,000 ... On or about 10th May

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"HWAH PING" May 13th.

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SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"WUHU"	On 22nd April	Dlight
HOIHOY, PAKHOY & HONGKONG	"KAIFONG"	On 23rd April	10 A.M.
SHANGHAI & TRINGTAO	"SHIYANG"	On 24th April	Dlight
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"CHINHUA"	On 24th April	10 A.M.
AMOY, MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"TAMING"	On 25th April	4 P.M.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"CHENG TU"	On 26th April	10 A.M.
AMOY, SHANGHAI & PUKEW	"SZCHUEN"	On 27th April	Noon
WUHAUW, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 28th April	4 P.M.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SOOCHOW"	On 28th April	Noon
WUHAUW, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 29th April	4 P.M.
SHANGHAI & TRINGTAO	"CHENAN"	On 30th April	Noon

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"MAIHONG"	... Capt. W. C. Passmore	TUESDAY, April 26th, at 3 P.M.
"RAIHONG"	... Capt. A. H. Stewart	FRIDAY, April 29th, at 12 Noon.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE

INWARD MAILS

FROM	PER	DATE
SHANGHAI	Szechuen	22nd inst.
JAPAN	Wakasa Maru	22nd inst.
Europe via Suez (Letters and News)	Banader	23rd inst.
papers London 21st Mar.	Amoy Maru	25th inst.
STRAITS	Ohangsha	25th inst.
AUSTRALIA AND MANILA	Malacca Maru	25th inst.
CALCUTTA AND STRAITS		

OUTWARD MAILS

FOR	PER	DATE
*Swatow, *Amoy and Takao	Szechuen	Friday, 22nd, 9.00 A.M.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow and Hainan	Hanoi	Friday, 22nd, 9.00 A.M.
*Shanghai, *N. China, and *Japan	Szechuen Maru	Friday, 22nd, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow	Hai' Loong	Friday, 22nd, 11.00 A.M.
Philippine Islands	Yuenwang	Friday, 22nd, 2.00 P.M.
*Straits, and *Bangkok	Wing Shing	Friday, 22nd, 3.00 P.M.
Straits, *Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L.	Carnarvonshire	Registration, 2.45 P.M.
Marques, South Africa, India via	Letters	3.30 P.M.
Dhannakodi, Egypt, and EUROPE via		
SUEZ		
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Hainan	Kaifong	Saturday, 23rd, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, and North China	Szechuen	Saturday, 23rd, 9.00 P.M.
*Swatow, *Shanghai and *N. China	Hainan	Saturday, 23rd, 9.00 P.M.
Weihow, Chefoo and Tientsin	Ohangsha	Sunday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung	Amakusa Maru	Sunday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
*Straits, and *Bangkok	Chinghua	Sunday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Straits	Methren	Monday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai North China, Japan, Honolulu,	Golden State	Registration, 9.45 A.M.
*Canada, U.S.A., Central and South	Letters	10.30 A.M.
America and *EUROPE via SAN		
FRANCISCO		
Straits, *Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius,	Elpenor	Tuesday, 25th, 1.45 P.M.
L. Marques, South Africa, India via	Letters	2.30 P.M.
Dhannakodi, Egypt, and *EUROPE		
via SUEZ		
Java Port Moresby via Sourabaya	Taiwan	Monday, 25th, 3.00 P.M.
Amoy and *Philippine Islands	Tammy	Monday, 25th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kwong, Eng	Monday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
*Swatow, *Shanghai and *North China	Tungshing	Tuesday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow and Bangkok	Chengtu	Tuesday, 26th, 11.00 A.M.
Amoy, Shanghai and *N. China	Steelmen	Tuesday, 26th, 11.00 A.M.

* Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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LETTER OF CREDIT SPECIAL SERVICE—BY TELEGRAPH.

J. USANG LY, Manager.

Hongkong, July 7th, 1921. [20]

COMMERCIAL OPENING QUOTATIONS

April 21st	
On LONDON—	
Telegraphic Transfer	3/8 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	3/8 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	3/8 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	3/8 1/2
Credit, at 4 months sight	3/8 1/2
Documentary Bills, 4 months sight	3/8 1/2
On PANAMA—	
Bank Bills, on demand	700
Credit, 4 months sight	780
On NEW YORK—	
Bank Bills, on demand	50 1/2
Credit, 60 days sight	52 1/2
On BOMBAY—	
Telegraphic Transfer	19 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	19 1/2
On CALCUTTA—	
Telegraphic Transfer	19 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	19 1/2
On SHANGHAI—	
Bank Bills, at sight	100
Private, 30 days sight	100 1/2
On YOKOHAMA—	
On demand—P.O.	110
On SINGAPORE—	
On demand	110
On BATAVIA—	
On demand	144
On HANKOW—	
On demand	nom.
On SAIGON—	
On demand	82 1/2
On HONGKONG—	
On demand	82 1/2
Governments Bank's Buying Rate	\$7.60 n.
Gold Leaf 100 fine, per tael	\$48.20
Bar Silver per oz.	36 1/2
Per cent.	
Hongkong ... 10 cents place	\$0.08 Premium.
Hongkong ... 20 "	0.02
Canton ... 30 "	14.40 Discount.
Canton ... 10 "	0.00

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the Minimum Monthly Balances at 3½ per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

A. G. STEPHEN, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 29th, 1920. [9]

THE BANK OF CHINA.

行銀國中

(Specially authorized by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

Authorized Capital \$60,000,000.00

Paid-up Capital 12,279,800.00

Reserve Funds 7,796,023.00

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Every description of Banking Business transacted.

Loans granted on approved securities.

Special facilities for Home Exchange.

Interest on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

For 6 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

TRUYEE PEI, Manager.

Hongkong, February 7th, 1921. [73]

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE.

(FRENCH BANK)

Subscribed Capital Frs. 150,000,000

Paid Up Capital Frs. 75,000,000

Reserve Funds Frs. 60,000,000

Deposits Frs. 855,000,000

The Chinese Government owns one-third of the Capital.

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Interest on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Local Currency and in Gold. Terms on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Special facilities for French Exchange.

M. MONTARGIS, Manager.

Hongkong, January 20th, 1921. [56]

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Incorporated by ROYAL CHARTER, 1823.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

Paid-up Capital £2,000,000

Reserve Fund £2,000,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors £2,000,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and CURRENT ACCOUNTS

open and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. H. FERGUSON, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, March 20th, 1921. [50]

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HEAD OFFICE:

Hongkong Head Office:

Paid-up Capital \$15,000,000

Reserve Funds \$2,500,000

Sterling \$21,500,000

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Hongkong, April 21st, 1921. [3]

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, Limited.

(TAIWAN BANK).

Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter, 1899.

Capital Subscribed Yen 60,000,000

Capital (Paid-up) 45,000,000

Reserve Funds 9,800,000

HEAD OFFICE—TAIPEI, FORMOSA

BRANCHES:

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits at rates which will be quoted on application.

S. KONDOR, Manager.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

2, Des Voeux Road Central.

Hongkong, September 1st, 1920. [41]

THE CHINA SPECIE BANK, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE:

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Asst. Manager Mr. K. T. WONG.

Hongkong Manager: Mr. I. P. ALLEN.

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L. S. HOLM, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, October 2nd, 1920. [119]

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, Limited.

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Established 1819.

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RESERVE FUND 600,000.00

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Loans granted on approved securities.

Interest allowed on Current Deposits Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on Savings Accounts from one month to six months, and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:

For 3 months at the rate of 2½ per cent.

For 6 months at the rate of 3 per cent.

For 12 months at the rate of 3½ per cent.

KAN TUNG PO, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, October 1st, 1920. [81]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, Limited.

HEAD OFFICE:

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Authorized Capital £2,000,000

Subscribed Capital £1,800,000

Paid-up Capital £1,050,000

Reserve Fund £1,050,000

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HONGKONG BRANCH:

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts to 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balances and on Fixed Deposits at rates that may be ascertained on application.

N. C. WILSON, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, June 30th, 1920. [43]

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.

(FRENCH BANK)

Head Office: 15bis Rue La Fayette, Paris.

Subscribed Capital Frs. 72,000,000.00

Paid-up Capital Frs. 68,400,000.00

Reserve Funds Frs. 68,587,803.54

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Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.

V. MARROT, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, November 1st, 1920. [64]

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